

City staff opposes buffer changes

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

The city's environmental management center, has recommended City Council adopt a resolution opposing the changes proposed by the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

The changes would limit exceptions to the 100-foot buffer area and limit development activities.

H. Clayton Bernick III, the center's administrator, told City Council at a workshop Tuesday that the proposed changes

do not allow for flexibility which allow measures that may actually improve water quality.

Under the proposed buffer policy, the 100-foot buffer should never be reduced in width and only permitted encroachments would be allowed, such as storm water facilities only due to site circumstances and equivalent water-quality protection.

In new development encroachments into the 100-foot buffer would be allowed only for the principle structure of pre-1989 lots.

No by-right activities would exist in the buffer.

The current practice of allowing buffer encroachments with the use of equivalent storm water facilities or practices would be eliminated, and agricultural encroachment would be allowed up to 75 feet.

The current requirements are:

- A 100-foot buffer from any tidal shoreline, perennial stream, tidal wetland, connected non-tidal wetland, would be protected as a resource protection area.
- Virginia Beach added highly erodible soils with slopes greater than six percent

to the resource protection area.

■ Water dependent facilities, roads and driveways from redevelopment activities are exempt with conditions.

■ Allowance buffer encroachments include agricultural and forestry activities to 25 feet with conditions, development to 50 feet with use of equivalent water quality measures, and development to 50 feet for lots recorded prior to 1989.

■ The Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board will consider the proposed

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Holiday family fest

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia will present a Holiday Family Fest Sunday, Dec. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. Celebrate the winter holidays with tasty treats, cheerful music, colorful ornaments to make and take and gingerbread boys and girls to decorate. Also, meet 94-year-old Bessie Nickens and at 3 p.m. hear delightful stories from her childhood, as portrayed in the current exhibition of her paintings, "Walking the Log...Memories of a Southern Childhood: Painting by Bessie Nickens."

Nickens will also be signing copies of her illustrated book available for sale in the center's gift shop (CAC members receive a discount).

Family Fest is sponsored by The Virginia Beach Foundation and WHRO's "Colors All Our Own," and is coordinated, in part, through Art Atrium II Art Center in Portsmouth. The event is free and open to the public.

'Bye Bye birdie'

The Encore Players will hold auditions for the popular "50's" musical "Bye Bye Birdie" Tuesday, Dec. 5 from 4 to 10 p.m., at the Naval Amphibious Base Theater, Little Creek. Auditions are open to active duty military, retirees, military family members and base employees. A costume, orchestra members and stage crew are also needed. For appointments and information call, 460-5152.

Lighting the way

"Hog-scraper," "rush light," "extinguisher" — learn about these items and more in a special tour featuring the lighting devices of 17th-century Virginia. Providing light without burning down the house could be quite a challenge in early America. Learn how they did it Saturday, Dec. 9 or Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. at the Adam Thoroughgood House during "Lighting The Way." This tour is included in the regular admission price of \$3.50 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2.50 for students and \$2 for children. The Adam Thoroughgood House is located at 1636 Parish Rd. Call 431-4000.

Holiday tea

The Linkhorn Park Garden Club tea will be held Friday, Dec. 1 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the home of Andrew and Laura Howard, 107 Dogwood Dr. Members of the club will decorate the house and provide food for the tea. Wayne Jones will judge the arrangements. The club recently began its bridge marathon, an annual fund-raising project which will continue through May.

DAC hosts curator

The Rev. Robert Hunt Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists, will meet Dec. 2 at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club. The cost will be \$16.35 a person. Make your check payable to Peggy Joyal, 7705 North Shirland Ave., Apt. B2, Norfolk, Va. 23505-1869. Peggy Joyal and Peggy Roper will be the hostesses. Benn Trask, associate curator of the Mariner's Museum will be the guest speaker. Veterans chairman Genevieve Frost will be appreciating gifts (wrapped) and donations for the veterans.

MADD vigil

The Southside Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) will hold its annual Candlelight Vigil of Remembrance and Hope at Town Point Park in downtown Norfolk Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. All members of the public as well as victims are invited to attend.

Crafty Christmas

Bayside Recreation Center will hold its fifth annual Holiday Trimmings Craft Show Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show will feature crafts and trimmings, free admission to shoppers, free parking, children's crafts, entertainment, free gift wrapping, train display, an Angel Tree, visit with Santa and food concessions. For more information call the Youth and Adult office, 460-7540.

Toys for Tots

In support of the USMC annual Toys for Tots campaign, the Retired Officers Association will host a Christmas cocktail party at the Oceana Officers Club on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m. Guests are encouraged to donate an unwrapped toy suitable for boys and girls of all ages for collection and distribution by USMC representatives. For reservations, call 464-6799 no later than noon, Nov. 30.

Puppet show

The Kempsville Area Library, 832 Kempsville Rd., will present their fourth annual "Family Christmas Puppet Show," Dec. 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. The whole family is invited for an evening of holiday entertainment. Call 495-1016 to register, beginning Monday, Nov. 20. Participation is limited to 100.

Centuries old traditions thrive

By Bob Rueggeger

Correspondent

JAMESTOWN — When it comes to celebrating the holiday season in 17th-century Virginia, the staff and volunteers at Jamestown Settlement literally go whole hog to provide patrons with a memorable living history experience.

Jamestown Settlement, a living history museum in James City County, offers an annual program called Food and Feasts of Colonial Virginia. It's a program that invites visitors to Jamestown Settlement to examine the culinary habits of the 17th-century Powhatan Indians and the English settlers who established a colony at Jamestown.

In addition to fishing and hunting for fare, the Powhatans raised a variety of crops: corn, beans, squash, sunflowers, and corn. Late November was an especially bountiful time of year; the Indians feasted on venison, oysters, freshly harvested crops, and wild fruits. When the harvests were plentiful, life was good in Powhatan country.

In the Powhatan Indian village at Jamestown Settlement, the historic interpreters were busily preparing and processing food — corn cakes and jerky.

"Right now is the time of the year to be a Powhatan," said Lara Templin, one of the interpreters in the village. "Spring is not a great time of year to be a Powhatan."

Corn meal mixed with persimmons was wrapped in corn husks, tied, and boiled. Thin strips of venison were being converted into jerky over a smoking fire. Fish were cooking on a thin flat rock, and a large fowl was roasting on a spit over an open fire.

The Powhatans were making ready for winter; they prepared themselves for the cold season by both pickling and preserving quantities of food. In the fall, the Powhatans were fat and happy. When spring rolled around, they were considerably thinner and somewhat hungrier. It was part of their cycle of life.

Aboard the 17th century merchantmen on the waterfront, the sailors were unloading supplies that were critical to the colony's survival. With a few exceptions, everything came from England. Supplies from England arrived every six to nine months aboard cargo ships — merchant vessels designed specifically to haul freight.

The capacities of cargo ships were measured in tons. A ton was a wooden, barrel-shaped container that could hold 256 gallons of wine. A 40-ton vessel could conceivably hold 40 such containers. The barrel was the standard shipping container of the day. Food,



HISTORIC INTERPRETER, Volunteer Henry Bretz explains the process of preserving meat in the 17th century. —Photo by Bob Rueggeger

weapons, tools, and even armor were packed in barrels for transport. Everything except passengers — was shipped in barrels. Passengers slept wherever they could find space.

When aboard ship, sailors and passengers would subsist mostly on preserved foods — salt pork, salted cod, and ship's biscuit.

"The foods that you'd eat aboard ship are actually the same foods that you'd eat in the winter time back in Europe," said Paul Zelesnikar, a maritime interpreter. "As a passenger

coming aboard a ship, this was something that you're going to be very familiar with — it's airline food."

Within the confines of James Fort, there was a flurry of activity. Some settlers were busy pickling vegetables in vinegar; they sealed the stoneware storage vessels with hog bladders. The thin, moist bladders made superb seals. Others were involved in butchering and preserving parts of a hog.

Sharon Walls, an interpreter and

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Virtually Virginia Beach: Official sees City Hall on Internet

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

The vision is to have a virtual city hall 24 hours a day.

Michael Barrett, chairman of the Mayor's Special Commission on e-Government, at a work session Tuesday, said that Virginia Beach, which already offers a high level of service to its citizens, can do even more by using Internet technology to provide more information to the public.

A citizen won't have to drive to a city office to secure information he needs or wants. He or she can just look it up on the Internet at his or her own convenience.

Barrett said that much of the information is already on the Internet. But, he said, all of the information which is

public record anyway should be on the Internet.

The subject came up when real estate assessor Jerry Banagan in June of last year suggested providing access to public records regarding real estate data online via the Internet.

Some citizens objected because of privacy concerns. Last spring Banagan proposed publishing the real estate information with names withheld upon the owner's request.

And that is what the commission, appointed to establish goals and objectives for the city, recommended.

The recommendation is to publish information that is part of public records but without identifying individuals, providing any names, or allowing any name searches. This system has been used suc-

cessfully in Norfolk and the counties of Arlington and Fairfax where similar citizen's concerns about privacy were raised, according to the commission.

With 76.8 percent of Virginia Beach households having Internet access at home or work, Barrett said that the city is already ahead in its capability to use electronic technology to streamline e-government "by providing efficient and effective services and information to citizens and business," the commission reported.

Barrett said that the commission's vision is that by 2002 citizens will be able to make payments to the city from their homes at any hour of the day or night and to access public information from

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Sexy Gill just a shy teacher

By Jason Norman

Correspondent

"Sorry I kept you waiting," says Tom Gill, rushing through the main office door at Nansemond-Suffolk Academy.

"Would you like a Rolo?"

In the past six years, Gill has compiled quite a resume in the teaching world. He's currently the school's Student Athletics Director, coach of the swim team and girls' soccer team and a popular teacher with the students. Gill is also a volunteer with the Virginia Beach rescue squad.

Oh yes, and according to the Fox Network, he's also America's sexiest bachelor. Gill, a Virginia Beach resident, was recently selected out of 50 single men in Fox's "America's Sexiest Bachelor," pageant.

For Gill, it's all a bit overwhelming. "I was in San Diego for the National Lifeguard Championships," he remembers, "and three production assistants were sitting on the side of the street, giving out applications. It was that random. They took entries off of internet sites, auditioned at Hard Rock Cafes across the country, and even published applications in Cosmopolitan magazine. They told me that I was the first choice for Virginia, and I was shocked."

A great deal of the program was based on interviews, fortunately for Gill. "I was glad that there was no talent portion," he admits, "because I was afraid that I might have to sing. A great part of the pageant was that you were able to bring your own clothes, so you didn't have to wear something that might be uncomfortable."

"I didn't tell too many people before I went. I mean, what do you tell people?" Gill continues. "When I came back (the pageant was taped three weeks before it aired), I still didn't tell many people, basically because I wasn't allowed to."

"The rumors as to why I'd been gone, though, were rampant. I think some of my students were saying that I was out taking a 'Baywatch' episode or something."

Gill finally broke down and told his students about the pageant just before it aired. However, he didn't let the big secret slip out. "I told my students about the pageant, and they all started to plan parties around watching it."

"I never imagined winning. I walked in there first morning of the pageant, and the only thing I was thinking was, 'Don't they have a modeling agency or something they could call? Why do I have to be here?' But if they weren't basing it on looks, and it didn't look like they were, I figured that I at least might make it to the top 10. But winning? I didn't think I had a chance."

"I was the last person called for the Top 10, so I assumed that I was out at that point. But then we had the beachwear session, which I'm still taking shots for. I was standing there in my bathing suit, saying, 'What am I doing here?'"

Caroline Rhea of the television series "Sabrina the Teenage Witch" was the host for the event. "Caroline is very nice, very funny," Gill says. "I enjoyed talking to her."

Up until the very last second, Gill didn't think he would win the contest. "I thought that two other guys in the top 5 were going to win, and then the thought of winning occurred to me."

"Just before Caroline announced the winner, I finally thought, 'Man, I could really win this!' I was also thinking, 'I'm about to make 10 years of salary in 30 seconds.' I was in shock after she said it, I couldn't believe it."

Gill jokingly remembers the morning

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Commentary

CHARITY AT THE END OF THE SEASON

Defending the hunt

About this time every year the public focuses on the poor helpless creatures that are tracked down and killed in cold blood. The comments are usually something like: "Those poor little animals, they have no defense. What did those deer ever do to those hunters? How can they possibly kill Bambi and get enjoyment out of it?"

Are these hunters really blood-thirsty savages who just want to kill something? No. For the most part, they are sportsmen who make good use of their kills. Members of the hunt club divide up their prize.

Many of these clubs are concerned about the plight of community members who could use a helping hand. Examples of that generosity can be found in all areas of the county when many charity giveaways will occur at the end of the season. Each year, for example, thousands of pounds of good venison is distributed to needy people through the Hunters for the Hungry program.

Local and state officials say that this year's deer population is nearly one million head and a large harvest is expected — and needed — to maintain the balance of nature. Farmers can tell you how important it is to have a significant deer harvest. They are the ones who suffer when the population is allowed to go unchecked as the hungry deer help themselves to whatever is being grown.

Experts say that a poor deer harvest could be disastrous — for the deer. Simply not enough food would exist to feed the deer population. Starvation is the most painful death of all.

It is not expected that the anti-hunters among us will suddenly have a change of heart about the killing of these "poor, defenseless animals," but tolerance of the sport would be a start. — C.E.C.

Letter to the editor

The Constitution, our anchor in crisis

Editor:
The United States Constitution is the supreme law of the land. It establishes the form of the United States government, and the rights and liberties of the American people. It is the shield of democracy under which Americans govern themselves as a free people. We respect the Constitution even as we make use of it. It is the glue that holds our society together. It is our anchor in time of crisis.

The Constitution consists of a preamble, seven articles and 24 amendments. It establishes the federal system of separating powers between the national government and the state governments, and it divides the powers of the national government among the executive, legislative and judicial branches.

The theory of constitutional government involved the idea of a limited government with balanced executive, legislative and judicial powers. Amendment XII of the Constitution specifically provides for the separate choice of president and vice president. This authority is given to the Legislative Branch, not the judiciary.

The Constitution further provides for a general method of electing a president and a vice president. It does not mention political parties.

Our state laws and political party practices have converted the constitutional system of voting into the exciting campaigns and elections of today, as witnessed in Florida during this recent, ongoing, never ending, presidential election between Al Gore and George W. Bush.

Recently, the Florida courts and its Supreme Court have seen fit to trash the Constitution, as if it did not exist. The courts have walked boldly into the Hen House with the Democratic Pro-Gore Foxes without attempting to fit the words of the Constitution to the Bush/Gore no-election, election situation in Florida. By involving itself in "down and dirty," we control the ballot box, Democratic, "Daily dirty tricks" politics, it has forgotten that its purpose is not to make new law, but rather, it is to construe existing laws under the rule of law. It has no business robbing the legislative branch of its right to administer the will of the people.

More than 200 years ago, Edmund Burke said, "There is but one law for all, namely, that law which governs all law, the law of our Creator, the law of humanity, justice, equity — the law of nature and nations." He further noted that the only thing necessary for evil to triumph, is for good men to do nothing. Wake up America, your heritage is being stolen, your rights suborned and your voice discounted at a mendaciously low price.

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Virginia Beach

Bush won; let's move on

George Bush has been elected to the presidency three times. Twice by machine count and once by hand recount.

How many more times must he prove to Al Gore that he (George Bush) is now the president of the United States?

It has been almost three weeks since Bush won the first election, and Gore and his battery of high priced lawyers are still refusing to concede. Gore has suffered some bad public relations when it was discovered that his lawyers had written a five page instruction to the Democratic election officials how to throw out the overseas military ballots, therefore, denying service men and women their right to vote.

Gore and Lieberman both gave lip service to the military ballots but did absolutely nothing to assure that they would be counted. Gore really should have won because the Democrats control all of the electoral boards, the lower and state supreme courts. Gore selected five counties which were heavily populated by Democrats for hand recounts.

No matter how hard some of the election officials tried to steal the votes for Gore, it just didn't work.

After all of the votes had been counted in Broward County, someone came up with several hundred more ballots in a locker which was added to the count. Also a Democratic election official was caught with a voting machine in his car and one Democratic counter was caught putting Bush ballots on the Gore pile. When she got caught she said, "Oh! I'm sorry."

The recounts were a farce. Each county had a different way of counting the ballots. The rules changed by the minute. The only county that displayed any evidence of sanity was Miami-Dade County, which suspended its recount and decided to use the Nov. 7 vote totals because officials did not believe that they could meet the deadline set by a Democratic Florida Supreme Court.

It is time for Al Gore to go back to Tennessee, his home state, which he did not carry. Lieberman can go back to the Senate where he no longer has the respect from his Republican friends.

It's all over. George Bush won. Let's move on. Welcome to the real world.

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The 2000 presidential election certainly made one thing crystal clear. We need to reform the system by which we choose the president of the United States.

I say reform because I am a staunch supporter of the Electoral College. Those who claim that electing the president by a direct popular vote would cause candidates to ignore less populous states and regions are absolutely correct.

Just as disturbing is that our presidential elections would become purely a televised campaign. Our elections already resemble a marketing blitz to sell soap. The last thing we need is anything that would encourage this destructive trend in the way we choose our elected officials.

Since all politics are local (and that is the genius of the American Constitution), we Virginians need to change the way we allocate the electors who cast our votes for president. It is an outrage that Virginia's electors are not allocated proportionately to the will of the people.

We must remember that the votes cast on Election Day are only advisory under our electoral system. It is the electors who cast the real votes for president in December.

No matter how you look at it, Virginia's winner-take-all method of appointing electors subjects every citizen who votes for a candidate that loses the statewide popular vote to a "tyranny of the majority."

I have long considered the Republican Party's winner-take-all method of selecting their candidate for president in state primaries seriously flawed. But I am not a member of the Republican Party, and if its members

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wish to be so foolish as to not have their voice heard in such an important matter, that is their problem.

But I am a citizen of Virginia and I strongly object to a system that disenfranchises me in the election of the U.S. president. This is not the fault of the U.S. Constitution — it does not create such an appalling system.

It is the Commonwealth of Virginia that is responsible for disenfranchising its own citizens by insisting on a winner-take-all system for selecting those who cast the actual ballots for president.

In the current election, the will of 45 percent of Virginians who went to the polls on Nov. 7 is ignored completely when Virginia's electors cast their votes on Dec. 18. That is more than wrong — it's a trampling on the "one man, one vote" principle that is the foundation of the Virginia Constitution and the U.S. Constitution.

Then there is the fact that Virginia doesn't even bind the electors chosen under our current flawed selection system. That's right — they are not even legally bound to vote in accordance with the will of a majority of Virginians. They have the latitude to vote their conscience if they believe circumstances require them to

change their vote.

As if a bunch of "yellow dog" Republicans and Democrats are capable of exercising independent judgment in the first place. Let's be clear, here. Electors are not appointed because they are wise men and women who are chosen for their superior judgment. They are just a bunch of party hacks who couldn't see the other side of any argument if their life depended upon it.

Given that Virginia ignores the votes of nearly half of its citizens when it allocates electors, I suppose one could argue that giving electors the right to vote their conscience is not totally unreasonable. But that just proves the old adage of "garbage in, garbage out." In other words, you can't clean up a muddy stream if you already allowed the crud to flow through at its origin.

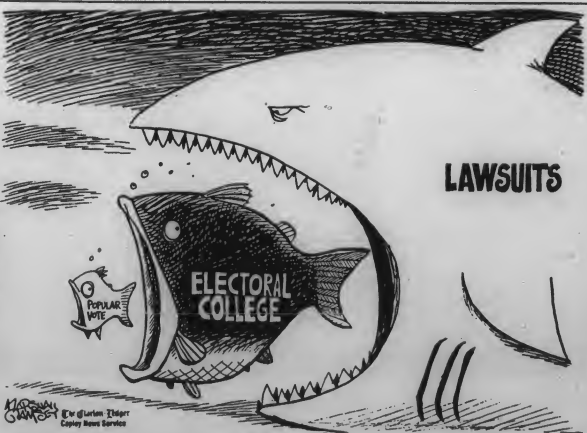
The only solution is to follow the other states that allocate their electors in accordance with the actual votes of their citizens. Under an apportionment system, even third party candidates who received a significant number of votes to qualify for one percent of the electors would be represented in the Electoral College.

Therefore, Virginia electors would actually be voting in accordance with the will of the voters of Virginia — in other words, we the people!

So, I am calling upon our state delegates and senators to get busy immediately remedying this travesty that is perpetrated against Virginians. And I am also calling upon my fellow citizens to hold those candidates accountable for reforming this system so that our votes truly count when the real election is held for president.

Don't believe for one minute that any politician who doesn't support your right to be represented in the election of our president cares one hoot about you or your rights in any other matter before them.

After all, if they don't care enough to protect your vote in the most important election in our land, they certainly don't deserve to have it themselves!



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Defeat is not all bad

By Allen W. Smith

"Do not be afraid defeat. You are never so near to victory as when defeated in a good cause."
— Henry Ward Beecher

Everybody wants to win, and some of us have great difficulty dealing with defeat. But nobody can win all the time. And anybody who tries very many things in life will face defeat many times.

But being defeated is not all bad. It often contributes to our growth and makes us much stronger. When we muster up the courage to try something that we have been afraid to try before, that alone represents a victory over our fears.

There is so much need for individuals to take the initiative in fighting injustice and trying to make this a better world. It is often very difficult to buck a prevailing trend. It's just so much easier to flow with the crowd.

But making progress toward a more just world requires individuals to stand up for their beliefs. And, although we may be defeated at times, there is always another day and another battle.

For example, women have been struggling for equal rights for the past 150 years. The first women to become active in this fight were unpopular with both men and women. They represented a minority viewpoint at the time.

As more and more women joined the crusade for equality some men began to see that their cause was a just one and began to join the crusade.

The first men to speak out in behalf of women's rights experienced much criticism and opposition, but it was necessary for both men and women to see the injustice and join in the cause.

Today it seems almost unbelievable that women were not allowed to vote until Congress passed the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution in 1920.

It is difficult to understand why women were ever prevented from participating in the democracy of this great nation, or why they have not received full equality even today. It is equally disturbing that discrimination on the basis of race still occurs in this nation.

Those people who have fought for justice in these areas and other areas of injustice throughout history were never really defeated so long as they continued to fight for justice. We are not always able to reap the harvest of the seeds we sow during our lifetimes.

Some of the early crusaders for equality did not live to see their efforts bear fruit. But progress is always built on the shoulders of those who went before us.

Is it really possible to experience defeat when we are championing worthy causes? Think about it.

Editor's Note: Allen W. Smith is a syndicated columnist from Naples, Fla., who focuses on the individual and daily life.

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Keep it clean

Stormwater run off is untreated water — it's up to you to keep it clean. Each time it rains, everything we leave on our streets, driveways and lawns washed untreated through



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyer Oberdorf

our ditches and storm drains into our streams, lakes, rivers and bays. What's so hard about stopping the toxic soup of pollutants streaming into our prized local waters? Not a thing. Below are some easy solutions to help:

■ Keep leaves, grass clippings, soaps, litter and harmful chemicals away from the streets, ditches, storm drains and waterways. These materials frequently clog drainage systems and contribute to flooding. In addition, the added nutrients and toxins those products feed into our waterways contribute to harmful algae blooms and fish kills.

■ If you choose to use chemical fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides, use them sparingly and follow the label directions carefully. Never apply fertilizers or pesticides when a heavy rain is forecast.

■ Remember, chemicals aren't the only way to control pests and grow a nice lawn. For environmentally friendly ways to control pests and landscape your yard, contact the local Virginia Cooperative Extension office, 472-8156.

■ Recycle or properly dispose of used motor oil and other hazardous wastes. One quart of motor oil can contaminate up to two million gallons of water. Many auto parts retailers will accept your used motor oil. Call the Southeastern Public Service Authority at either 468-3382 or 491-2265 for more information.

The Storm Water Management fee provides benefits to everyone in several ways:

■ First, the fee provides funds needed to ensure that the storm drainage systems throughout the city are functioning as they were designed, allowing all citizens the ability to travel throughout the city with relative ease, even during the worst storms. Although there are still some isolated areas that do experience some flooding, these areas are being identified and are being scheduled for either maintenance or reconstruction a warranted and as funds are available.

■ Secondly, the fee provides for monitoring storm water drainage outfalls to ensure the quality of the water being transported to our rivers, lakes and bays. This effort ensures that the level of pollutants entering our water systems is minimized to the greatest extent practical.

The rate you pay is calculated on the basic premise of the Storm Water Management Service that all property owners receive some benefit, and all property owners are required to participate in the cost of the service. For each residential property on which there is at least one but not more than four dwelling units, each

unit is charged the same rate. This rate is referred to as the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). The rate for each ERU is \$12.16 per day, or \$44.16 per year. This is the rate paid by 93.4 percent of all Storm Water Management Service customers.

The rate for all other developed properties (multi-family and non-residential) is determined by calculating the impervious area on the site (those areas with hard surfaces such as buildings, parking lots and sidewalks), and dividing that amount by the average amount of impervious area on all residential properties. This calculation provides the number of ERUs that each of those properties will be billed.

It is noteworthy to mention that the multi-family and non-residential properties, which include uses such as apartment buildings, condominiums, commercial sites, offices and non-profit facilities, make up 6.6 percent of the total number of Storm Water Management Service accounts and provide 46.5 percent of the total revenue.

The total revenue generated by the Storm Water Management Service fees is approximately \$9.4 million annually. This amount is supplemented with approximately \$3.1 million more than revenues received by the city from other sources.

When you call Public Works Operations at 563-1470 with your storm drainage concerns, a customer service representative will log all pertinent information into a computer system. A Service Request Number is assigned to each call for tracking purposes.

Safety issues such as cave-ins and street flooding will be dispatched immediately in order to secure the site in as safe a manner as possible. Minor maintenance issues are resolved immediately, but may require follow up corrective actions.

Service requests are evaluated by a planner estimator who will determine the cause of the problem and identify corrective actions. A work order is created. The planner estimator strives to make their evaluations within three working days of a customer's call.

Work orders are either completed by in-house maintenance crews or are contracted. Scheduling of work is based on age of the work order, severity of the problem and availability of resources. Work orders are typically completed within 60 to 90 days and approximately 4,000 work orders are completed each year.

A Capital Improvement Project (CIP) may be initiated where normal maintenance will not resolve the situation, or where more costly long term improvements are necessary.

Since 1993, more than \$19 million has been used to complete major drainage projects. The most recent projects include Lake Chubb/Lak Bradford Outfall ditch, and Croata Road Culvert. Twenty-five project have been scheduled over the next six years with three projects beginning in year 2000: Pocomantas Village, Princess Anne Plaza III and Cape Story Bay Sea.

Storm Water Management helps to minimize flooding and improve water quality through the construction, maintenance and monitoring of systems that improve stormwater drainage.

The city's Stormwater Management and the Department of Public Works, contributed to this column.

Traditions remain

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butcher at Jamestown Settlement, uses 17th century technology to make her cuts. Using various size knives and the help of an assistant, Walls makes fairly quick work of butchering half a hog. The other half will be used in the afternoon butchering demonstration.

"We do not slaughter here in the fort. We slaughter off site and bring the hog in here to butcher," explained Walls. "It's already been gutted, scalded, and scapipe. We take it from there."

Hung from a tree by its hind legs, the carcass is painstakingly dismembered. First the front feet or trotters were removed and next the hog's head. As Walls worked her way up the body, she removed the shoulders, the bacon (belly), and finally the ribs.

The remainder of the ribs and chine were part of an afternoon butchering demonstration, as were the hindquarters or hams.

"Keep in mind that there's no refrigeration system in the 17th cen-

tury," stressed Walls. "Some of the cuts — especially the shoulders, the bacon, and the hams — will go into the salt cure for six to eight weeks."

Henry Bretz, a holiday volunteer, was engaged processing the hams, bacon, and shoulders with a mixture of saltpeter (potassium nitrate) and brown sugar.

After being coated, the meat will be packed in salt for at least six weeks to draw out the moisture. When the moisture has been removed, the salt will be knocked off; the meat will be washed and coated with black pepper. Finally, the preserved meat will be hung up and aged for future consumption.

Traditionally, the holiday season has been a busy time of year at Jamestown Settlement. Over the years, special holiday programs such as Foods and Feasts and A Colonial Christmas have offered museum patrons a glimpse at 17th century English holiday customs that were the basis for many of our own holiday traditions.

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Up close and personal

Karen Glosser: Loves teaching kids

By Jason Norman

Correspondent

Two years ago, Karen Glosser wanted a change. "I had taught for 13 years at Great Bridge Middle School," she remembers, "but I decided to leave, because I wanted to try something new."

That something turned out to be the Commonwealth Community Children's Chorus, a non-profit program that allows students from Chesapeake, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach to participate in a new type of extracurricular activity.

"I think that there's such a need for musical activities for children to be involved in," Glosser explains. "If kids want to play soccer or cheerlead, they have all sorts of activities. But if they want to sing, there isn't much for them, unless they go to a really large church. As far as music goes, there aren't any common things for kids to be involved in."

Glosser is currently the conductor and executive director of the chorus, which will perform at Thalia Lynn Baptist Church on Dec. 9. "We had 48 kids last year, and now we have 100," Glosser says proudly. "I am very happy to see the growth. I think that really shows that children want to be involved in things like this."

"I think it's impressive to see children from 41 different schools," she says. "I've gotten a lot of support from public schools. Chesapeake allowed us to send fliers through their school system. A lot of music teachers and parents helped out a lot too, because they all wanted to see their children involved with extracurricular music activities."

Popular songs performed by the choir include, "Ave Maria," "Give Ear Unto Me," and the appropriate "Children Go Where I Send Thee."

"With holiday time," Glosser explains, "I wanted to pick songs that are Hebrew and Christian, songs about Santa Clause. We also do a lot of folk songs and spiritual songs."

Glosser has one extremely loyal participant — her 10-year-old daughter, Caitlen. "I've always liked to sing," she explains. "I sang once in a choir at Virginia Wesleyan. This program is really fun, and I've made a lot of nice new friends."

"We really want to help these children make friends," explains Glosser. "At the beginning of this year, we had an overnight retreat at Triple R ranch, with a hay ride and dancing and games. The kids even got to spend the night in cabins. That helped them because when they came to rehearsal, they already knew each other's names, and were friends. It's not for them to be part of something like that."

But the children aren't just in the program to learn how to sing. "In the program they learn about all types of music, like folk, classical and contemporary. I also use music to teach children how to read."

Name: Karen Glosser.

What brought you to this area: A teaching job in Virginia Beach.

Hometown: North Collins, New York.

Age: 36.

Nickname: None.

Occupation: Choir conductor and executive director of the Commonwealth Community Children's Chorus.



Marital Status: Married for 13 years.

Hobbies: Playing the piano.

Children: Caitlen, 10, in the fifth grade at Friends School in Virginia Beach, Benjamin, 5, in kindergarten at Montessori Lab School in Chesapeake.

Ideal vacation: Sunshine and water.

Pet peeves: People who lie.

First job: Cashier in a supermarket.

Favorite movies: Mysteries.

Worst job: Doing bottle returns in the supermarket.

Magazines I regularly read: None.

Favorite sports teams: Whoever my husband is rooting for.

Favorite authors: John Grisham, Robin Cook.

Favorite night out on the town: An evening alone with my husband.

Favorite sports teams: Henry Leck of the Indianapolis Children's Choir.

Favorite restaurant: Courthouse Cafe.

Most embarrassing moment: My most embarrassing moment would not be suitable for publication.

Favorite meal and beverage: Depends on my mood.

How I would like to be remembered: As having made a difference in the lives of others.

What most people don't know about me: I played the trombone.

If I received \$1 million: I would buy a building for the Children's Chorus.

Best thing about myself: Ability to bring a group of people together through music.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would discuss the importance of arts education.

Worst habit: Allowing myself to be overcommitted.

Pets: A cat named 'Socks.'

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Patients' stories aid fundraiser

Radio station Z104 (WNVZ FM 104.5) will broadcast a four-day "Radiothon" to benefit Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters from 6 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 7 until 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

Listeners will hear stories of CHKD patients who have overcome insurmountable odds to beat illnesses such as cancer and prematurity, and who have survived tragic accidents such as

near-drownings.

The live broadcast will originate from the lobby of CHKD and will feature Matt and Ramona, hosts of the Z104 Morning Zoo. Last year, the holiday "Radiothon" raised more than \$35,758

in pledges. All money raised at this year's "Radiothon" will be used to purchase equipment, fund research and provide patient care programs at Children's Hospital.

The number to call to make a

donation to CHKD during the "Radiothon" is 668-9000.

Children's Hospital of The King's Daughter is the regional pediatric referral center serving Hampton Roads, the Eastern Shore of Virginia and northeast

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Vision: e-City Hall

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their homes, places of business, public buildings, community-based groups, or from distant locations including Navy ships on deployment and in foreign cities.

Barrett said that e-Government will solve the dilemma of a government's being asked to do more and more with less and less.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf asked what happened to the family that had no computer.

Barrett said that the commission also was concerned about the "digital divide" which is the result of economic, social or cultural circumstances. That's why, he said, it's important to have the computers in all libraries, recreation centers and even public buildings. He expressed assurance that within two years, anyone who does not have access, will be provided with Internet.

He said that the number of people without Internet access can be reduced to such a small amount, that it will be unrecognizable. "It is not a technological challenge," he said.

Councilman Robert C. Mandigo Jr. asked whether the city legally could put up all its data under state regulations.

Barrett said that Gov. Jim Gilmore has made technology a hallmark of his administration.

Some Internet services would require a fee, but initially there would be no fee charge because the information the city is now talking about is available.

The benefit to the city is the potential to reduce the cost of service, but this need not mean reducing staff, but using the same resources into better services.

Much of the information is already available on the web. He said that some people complained that they did not have information on the 31st Street Park Project, but it was on the web.

Councilwoman Rosemary Wilson told of how easy it was to renew her driver's license over the Internet.

Barrett said that the Division of

Motor Vehicles has been one of the leaders. They weren't thinking technology, but they decided they needed to serve their customers.

Barrett said that this is only the beginning of the information revolution. Technology, for example, will allow the city manager to restructure government.

The commission outlined seven goals:

- To make city government accessible to all citizens 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

- To have government deliver services and public information directly to its citizenry electronically.
- To make government easily accessible—greater citizen participation and proactive communication.

- To allow government to be customer focused and efficient.

- To allow the city to become a learning community with an information age citizenry and workforce.

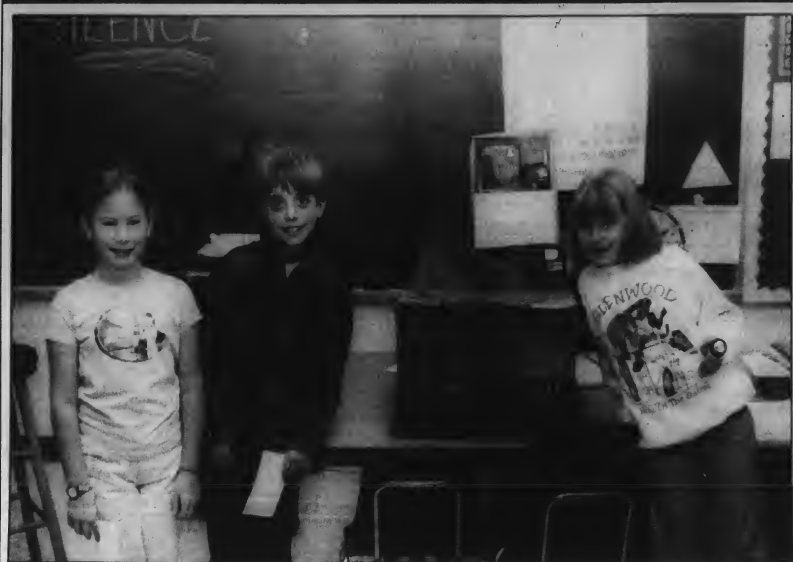
- To allow the city to be compatible and interactive with the government systems of the state and the Smart Region Initiative of the Hampton Roads Partnership.

- To encourage the public to access government services and information through e-Government.

The commission recommended publishing public records on the Internet but without identifying individuals, providing any names or allowing any name searches and proceeding to provide access to the real estate assessment data without names.

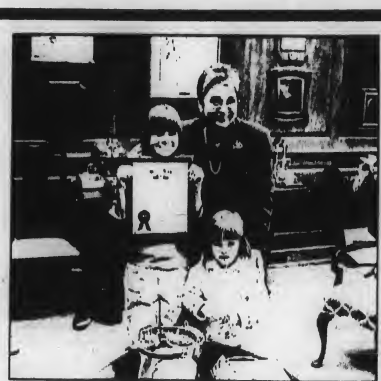
By 2002 citizens should also express concerns or obtain results of a zoning change, conditional use permit and variance requests on the day of the hearing and directly inform their elected representatives of their views on policy issues.

In addition to Barrett, commission members include Phil Kellam, at large; Judith Shay, Beach; John Gawne, Bayside; Sandra Williamson-Ashe, at large; Church Manto, Princess Anne; Bill Dore, Kempville; Ben Krause, Lynnhaven; Michael Masrullo, Centerville; Frances Laskey, at large and Greg Franceski, Rose Hall.



Opening day at "The Zoo"

Glenwood Elementary School third graders recently completed a study of habitats. The students were given the challenge of pretending that they were architects drawing up the blueprints for a particular animal's habitat. The blueprint would then be used by the zoo builder to create surroundings for an animal being shipped to the zoo. The surroundings had to reproduce the "real world" habitat that the animal would need, including the nearness of food, water and room to roam. As a culminating activity, students held an "Opening Day at The Zoo" party. Pictured taking part in the festivities, from left, are Alyssa Seldoff, Alex Hanes and Casey Rohman.



Saving a life

Raven Small, a 4th grade student at Malibu Elementary School, received an award from Mayor Meyera Oberndorf for saving Small's two-year-old sister, Amber, from drowning. Raven received the lifesaving award from the Virginia Beach Safety Council.

Two Southside cities fund business center

NORFOLK — A unique partnership between Norfolk, Virginia Beach and a local commercial real estate firm will enable the Hampton Roads Technology Incubator (HRTI) to open a second "campus" and its first on the Southside.

HRTI will lease administrative space in Harbor Group International's \$425,000-square-foot Interstate Corporate Center/Synergy Business Park off Newtown and Kempsville Roads in Norfolk.

The Economic Development Departments in Norfolk and Virginia Beach have each pledged \$25,000 to help defray operating costs incurred by HRTI and its member clients over the next year.

"Our presence in the Interstate Commerce Center is a very important step in furthering our evolution toward a truly regional operation," says Martin Kaszubowski, Executive Director of the HRTI which opened its first location in Hampton in 1998 and began accepting tenants there in April, 1999.

Locating the HRTI at Interstate Corporate Center/Synergy Business Park was a high priority for Harbor Group International.

"Our Synergy Business Park is a perfect location for us because our aim is to create an environment where businesses can connect with each other for mutual growth," said Jordan Stone, President and CEO of Harbor Group, a Norfolk based firm, which controls more than \$500 million in commercial and residential properties worldwide and is the largest owner of office space in Hampton Roads. "The companies to whom we lease space in the Incubator will find a very collegial atmosphere and a landlord who is

very interested in the success of all clients in the park."

The HRTI wants to take commercial advantage of the technology-related assets currently in place in Hampton Roads; retain the "Human Capital" that currently resides in Hampton Roads, and attract additional highly-skilled workers; and better promote Hampton Roads as a "hot-bed" of high-technology activity, including a robust entrepreneurial culture.

"This is a significant milestone because it marks the first time that Virginia Beach and Norfolk have implemented joint development efforts," said Norfolk Mayor Paul Fraim. "It underscores the fact that technology-based economic development is a regional priority."

Small or start-up companies accepted into the HRTI pay \$5,000 a year for the opportunity to work alongside other entrepreneurs in a structured environment, tap into technical and business related resources at local universities and Virginia's Center for Innovative Technology and receive professional guidance, and receive emergency bridge funding when necessary.

Seven companies currently are involved in developing technology related businesses at HRTI's Hampton facility and eight others are located elsewhere in the region.

Arranging the partnership with Norfolk and Virginia Beach was a key to HRTI's decision to locate at Interstate Corporate Center. "For a rather small amount of pledged dollars, they have the chance to help a number of entrepreneurs get started and potentially grow into larger firms creating economic benefits for the entire region," Kaszubowski said.

Training increases safety, response

By Gary Penton
Military Correspondent

At any given moment, Navy ships are conducting operations to promote peace and stability throughout the world. Sometimes these operations put our sailors in harm's way.

To prepare for these activities, the U.S. Navy regularly participates in exercises with nations around the world. These exercises improve mutual understanding and increase teamwork so that the various navies can work together more efficiently.

Virginia Beach's William T. Johnson was recently involved with one of these exercises in the South China Sea, approximately 200 nautical miles northeast of Singapore.

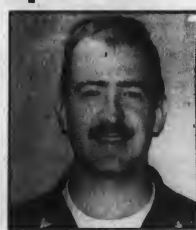
Navy Petty Officer-1st Class Johnson, the 30-year-old son-in-law of Fredrick and Joyce Vandresell of Virginia Beach, is assigned to the nuclear-powered attack submarine USS Helena (SSN 725), homeported in San Diego.

Helena was one of the ships participating in "Pacific Reach 2000," a submarine rescue exercise conducted from Oct. 2-14. The navy of the Republic of Singapore hosted the exercise, which included U.S. ships as well as vessels from the Republic of Korea navy and the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force.

The exercise was the first cooperative regional submarine rescue practice in the Pacific. It allowed the participants to demonstrate their abilities and to provide enhanced professional training and experience. Pacific Reach, which is planned to be held annually, also familiarized participants with a range of equipment and hardware available in the inventories of the participating navies. Submarines from each nation simulated being disabled, then personnel were "recovered" by available rescue systems.

Johnson understands why it is important to increase regional cooperation through exercises like Pacific Reach. "We have to train for emergencies, because no matter what country you're from, the ability to help people is the most important thing. Yes, we are the military, but we are still human and we all have families."

"We must also know each other's capabilities, so that a solution can be obtained quickly to solve whatever problem may occur. This also lowers the tension between countries and allows for more problems



William T. Johnson

to be resolved in peace; saving lives rather than being in conflict," said Johnson, who is married to the Vandresells' daughter, Melissa.

As a sonar technician onboard Helena, Johnson supervises the maintenance, operation and repair of underwater listening equipment. Helena is a Los Angeles-class submarine, one of the most advanced types of undersea vessels in the world. While anti-submarine warfare is the ship's primary mission, the inherent characteristics of stealth, mobility and endurance are used to meet the challenges of today's changing global geopolitical climate.

Helena is able to get on station quickly, stay for an extended period of time and carry out a variety of missions including the deployment of special forces, minelaying, precision strike land attack, or the simple deterrence of adversaries by her suspected presence while remaining undetected.

The 360-foot-long submarine is well-equipped to accomplish these tasks. Helena is faster than submarines of previous classes and possesses highly sophisticated sensors, weapons control systems and computer systems. Helena is armed with MK-48 anti-submarine/anti-air torpedoes, Tomahawk land attack cruise missiles and mines.

Pacific Reach was a success due to the hard work and outstanding coordination of the crews from each nation, but the crew on Helena did manage to take time out to enjoy the sights of Singapore.

"I enjoy the politeness of the general public, the food and the cleanliness," said Johnson, an 11-year Navy veteran.

The hard work and sacrifices didn't end after this exercise. Johnson and his fellow sailors will continue with their scheduled deployment to protect America's interests.

Mayor Oberndorf to visit Israelis

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

Virginia Beach Mayor Meyera Oberndorf is one of six U.S. mayors on a peace mission in Israel.

The six left the states on Wednesday and will be in Israel through Sunday, Dec. 3.

The mission is co-sponsored by the American Jewish Congress, the Israel Ministry of Tourism and the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

They will meet with President Moshe Katsav, the mayors of Israel's three largest cities and the U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Martin Indyk. They will be briefed on and be able to view first hand current conditions in Israel and to discuss their impact on the peace process.

Oberndorf said she was proud to be a part of this special mission and to have the opportunity to express her support for the peace process.

At a City Council workshop Tuesday, she said that the selection of mayors for the mission was appropriate because the problems of

mayors all over are the same.

In addition to Oberndorf, the mission includes Niles Mayor H. Brent Coles, Beaumont Mayor David Moore, North Little Rock Mayor Patrick Henry Hays, Saint Paul Mayor Norm Coleman and Stamford Mayor Dannel Malloy.

In letters to mayors Ehud Olmert of Jerusalem, Ran Huldai of Tel Aviv and Amram Mizna of Haifa the mayors urge an end to the recent violence in Israel and call for resumption of peace negotiations. The letters recognize that it is the mayors who generally must deal with the consequences of violence and are intended as a show of support for their counterparts in Israel.

All of the mayors participating have attended the annual Jerusalem Conference of Mayors in past years. For more than two decades, that conference has brought mayors from around the world to Jerusalem to meet with the mayor of Jerusalem and leaders of the State of Israel and to address issues of mutual concern.

Art song recital set

Soprano Mary Charlotte Elia and pianist Lee Jordan-Anders will present "Love in the Present Tense" Saturday, Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. in the Edward D. Hofheimer Theater at Virginia Wesleyan College.

The art song recital includes works by Schubert, Poulenc, Satie, Richard Strauss and Rachmaninoff. The program features the premiere of "Love in the Present Tense," a song cycle written by local composer Deborah Carr based on texts by Edna St. Vincent Millay. Admission is free.

Elia is a native of Hampton Roads and studied music at Virginia Wesleyan College. She is a frequent soloist with area churches having recently performed as soprano soloist in Mendelssohn's *Elijah* at Virginia Beach United Methodist Church. Her love of art song has lead her to pursue the "performance of the form in recital and to continue her studies in master class settings with es-

teemed singers like Elly Ameling. A former student of Anne Guthmiller and Billye Brown Youmans, she now studies voice with Emily Labadie.

Jordan-Anders is Associate Professor and Artist-in-Residence at Virginia Wesleyan College. She began her early training at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, and received Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in piano with Pauline Lindsey. In 1980 she moved to Madrid, Spain where she pursued an active performing career both as soloist and in chamber ensembles. She has been at Virginia Wesleyan College since 1986 and teaches courses in aesthetics, listening, music theory, chamber music, and applied piano.

Her articles on various aspects of piano teaching have appeared in *Chaviv Magazine*, and she is a frequent guest speaker and adjudicator for piano teachers organizations.

Tell a friend you read about it in
The Virginia Beach Sun.

Cole named grand master

The Grand Lodge of Virginia during its 222nd Annual Communication elected James Dean Cole, of Shawsville, Va., to serve as its 156th Grand Master during the 2000-2001 year.

James Dean Cole, a CPA, has been employed over the last 16 years at Virginia Tech, currently serving as director of business af-

fairs and controller of the Virginia Tech Foundation, Inc. His Masonic history began in Craighead Lodge No. 160 on July 19, 1983.

During James Dean Cole's tenure, his emphasis will be "Do Good Unto All."

Gill never imagined winning



Tom Gill

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after the pageant. "It was crazy the morning after I won, but only for a little while. The students were so excited, they thought it was the greatest thing," he says, smiling. "The faculty, the administration, the parents, everyone was great. When I first got here, all the students were in the hallway, ready for me. They weren't like, 'Oooh, you're a celebrity,' but they were saying, 'Wow, is it really you? Is it really still Mr. Gill?'"

"But after that, things settled down pretty quick. The administration made the smart choice of not letting the press onto campus, no broadcasting or anything like that. The place could have been a zoo, but we had school that day. Of course, we didn't get much done in my classes that day, but we got some work done, and we had a few minutes of lecture. I'm still Mr. Gill the teacher."

"My life's been pretty crazy since then," he admits, "but it was even better than the show. Teaching and coaching are killers. But, yes, I am still a bachelor."

LIBRARY BRIEFS

A holiday storytime program will be held at the Central Library Saturday, Dec. 16 from 11 to noon. Enjoy a variety of holiday activities with a visit from a special guest. Call 437-6450 to register or visit the Central Library Administration office, beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 4.

A Hanukkah exhibit will be on display at the Central Library, 4100 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Dec. 18-19. It will feature a display of the treats and symbols of the Jewish holiday. For further information call, 437-6450.

A Wappadoodie Puppets holiday program will be held at the Pungo-Blackwater Library, Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. Call 426-5194 to register beginning Monday, Nov. 27 and ending on Tuesday, Dec. 12. Participation is limited to 50.

A holiday storytime program will be held at the Bayview Area Library, Saturday, Dec. 16, 11 a.m. - noon. Take a break from the holiday rush for the simple joys of storytelling. Call 460-7518 to register beginning Friday, Dec. 1 and ending when full. Participation is limited to 30.

Back Bay Wildlife Refuge offering train tours

Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge will offer a train tour to all visitors at 7 a.m. Dec. 10. Visitors will have the chance to view the interior of the refuge and park during the closure period and view migratory ducks, geese, and other wildlife.

Space is limited to 24 and reservations are required. To reserve a seat call the refuge, 721-2412, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Participants are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather and may bring binoculars, field guides, and cameras.

The tour will leave the Visitor Contact Station at the south end of Sandpiper Road in the community of Sandbridge. There is no charge for the tour and visitors to the refuge will not be required to pay an entrance fee from Nov. 1 through March 31.

LEGAL NOTICES

TRUSTEE SALE

5606 Tournaine Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Renee R. Simpson dated November 24, 1993 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3310, page 340, securing a loan which was originally \$58,900.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on December 15, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Unit No. "5606" in Diamond Springs Condominium. Tax Map #1468-43-2405-5606.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$5,300.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum of contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

NP007735

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustee
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
852 Whittington Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Lewis E. Lane, Jr. dated February 9, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3709, page 626, securing a loan which was originally \$66,950.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on December 15, 2000 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Unit 852, in that certain condominium entitled Drift Tide II Condominium. Tax Map #1456-237-2106-0852.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$6,400.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum of contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

NP007734

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Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustee
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STEPHEN R. CAPLAN FOUNDATION

TAKE NOTICE, that the Annual Report of the above Foundation for the taxable year ending September 30, 2000 as required by § 6056 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, is available for inspection at the principal office at the Foundation:

4505 Kelly Court, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462, during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days after the publication of the notice of its availability. Requests for inspection should be made to the undersigned Principal Manager at the Office as above stated.

Signed by: Stephen R. Caplan
Date: November 21, 2000

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
TIME SHARE ESTATES AT
FOUR SAILS RESORT
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

In execution of deeds of trust from the Grantors described below (the "Deeds of Trust"), each of which were recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia (the "Clerk's Office"), at the Deed Book and Page numbers described below, default having been made in the payment of the respective debts secured, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction at One Columbus Center, Suite 1100, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23462-6765, on December 1, 2000 at 9:30 a.m., the Time-Share Estates listed below, located at Four Sails Resort, 3301 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia, and more particularly described in the Deeds of Trust listed below.

GRANTORS: Ladislava A. Castro, Reynaldo A. Castro; TIME-SHARE ESTATE NO.: 405/44; DATED: April 18, 1993; DEED OF TRUST BOOK/PAGE: 323/30043.

Jerome W. Clarke, Staci D. Clarke; 804/43; November 30, 1998; 4049/1812.

James E. Diggs, Jr., Michelle Diggs; 302/41; July 22, 1993; 3323/2084.

Joseph G. Spenziero, Pamela M. Spenziero; 305/17; August 14, 1998; 3949/412.

Tyrone A. Bryant, Janet P. Bryant; PH/52; January 15, 1998; 3872/864.

Robert S. King, Jaime L. King; 905/04; September 14, 1992; 3181/1043.

Wilbert R. Reid; 601/28/2; April 28, 1992; 3129/446.

The sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate including the Project and Time-Share Instrument for Four Sails Resort, dated August 9, 1988, recorded in the Clerk's Office in Deed Book 2762, page 1291, as amended and restated.

Terms: Cash. Settlement within 10 days of sale. A bidder's deposit not to exceed \$100.00 may be required.

Witness: L. Rivers
Joseph R. Mayes
Trustees
For Information Contact:
Wilson L. Rivers
Joseph R. Mayes
Wolcott, Rivers, Wheary, Bass-
night & Kelly, P.C.
One Columbus Center, Suite 1100
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462
(757) 497-6633

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

MCKENZIE CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, a Virginia corporation, complainant v.

VALLEY BLOK, INC., a Virginia corporation, D/B/A AMERICA-CAST.

SERVE: M.E. Gibson, Jr., Registered Agent, 105-109 E. High Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902. DIAMOND EQUIPMENT CONTRACTING CORP., a Virginia corporation

SERVE: John E. Moorefield, Jr., Registered Agent, 3023 Bray Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23452. TARMAC AMERICA, INC., a Delaware corporation

SERVE: Commonwealth Legal Services Corp., Registered Agent, 4701 Cox Road, Suite 301, Glen Allen, VA 23060

HANSON PIPE & PRODUCTS, INC., a Virginia corporation

SERVE: Commonwealth Legal Services Corp., Registered Agent, 4701 Cox Road, Suite 301, Glen Allen, VA 23060

HUGHES SUPPLY, INC., a Florida corporation

SERVE: Beverly L. Crump, Registered Agent, 11 South 12th Street, Richmond, VA 23219. CONTRACTORS PAVING COMPANY INCORPORATED, a Virginia corporation

SERVE: Alan M. Frieden, Registered Agent, 1435 Crossways Blvd., Suite 200, Chesapeake, VA 23320

FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, an Indiana corporation

SERVE: Steven C. McCallum, 1 James Center, Richmond, VA

23219

ATLANTIC CONCRETE CONTRACTORS, INC., a Virginia corporation

SERVE: E. Leslie Cox, 101 N. Lynnhaven Road, Suite 105, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY, a New Jersey corporation

SERVE: Beverly L. Crump, Registered Agent, 11 South 12th Street, Richmond, VA 23219

and PARTIES UNKNOWN, who performed work or provided materials of, by, for, or to Atlantic Concrete Contractors, Inc. on the construction project known as "Lynnhaven Mall Parking Deck" in Virginia Beach, Virginia, prior to termination of Atlantic Concrete Contractors, Inc. from the project, and who claim to be owed monies not yet received for said work and/or materials, and/or who claim to be owed money, now or in the future, as a result of, or for any reason related to, that subcontract entered into between McKenzie Construction Corporation and Atlantic Concrete Contractors, Inc. on or about April 9, 2000 regarding the "Lynnhaven Mall Parking Deck" project. Respondents.

In Chancery: CH00-3607

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above-styled Bill of Interpleader is to determine which parties are or will be entitled to various funds possibly owed, now or in the future, by McKenzie Construction Corporation for the performance of work and/or provision of materials of, by, for, or to Atlantic Concrete Contractors, Inc. on the construction project known as "Lynnhaven Mall Parking Deck" in Virginia Beach prior to the termination of Atlantic Concrete Contractors, Inc. from work on said project.

And, it appearing by affidavit filed according to law that there are set out in the Bill of Interpleader in this matter certain persons as defendants by the general description of "parties unknown," which persons, if any, are deemed interested in the subject to be divided or disposed of by the Bill, it is therefore ORDERED that any said interested person appear on or before the 5th day of January, 2001 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the City of Virginia Beach and do what is necessary to protect his interests.

And, it is further ORDERED that this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach; and that a copy of this order be posted on the front door of the Courthouse wherein this Court is held.

ENTERED this 14th day of November, 2000
J. Curtis Frick, Clerk
By: Valerie B. Hazlip, Deputy Clerk

I ASK FOR THIS:
Jeffrey S. Miller, p.q.
Jeffrey S. Miller, Esq.
Counsel for McKenzie Construction Corporation
Jeffrey S. Miller, Esq.
Cooper, Spong & Davis, P.C.
Post Office Drawer 1475
Portsmouth, VA 23705-1475
(757) 397-3481 Phone
(757) 397-8167 Facsimile

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 13, 2000 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building Princess Anne Courthouse Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room. City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE.

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those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

1. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Steve Hall. Property is located at 1553 Eagleton Lane (GPIN #1479-32-4764), DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

2. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Stephen Heritt. Property is located at 1501 Cypress Avenue and 615 15th Street (GPIN #2417-95-6903; #2417-95-6962), DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Betty M. Sundin for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-2 Office District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the south side of Laskin Road, east of Freemac Drive. The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for retail land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/medium and high density at densities that are compatible with residential use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 1385 Laskin Road and contains 20,500 square feet. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNAHVEN.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Billy W. Chaplain for a Change of Zoning District Classification on the following parcels:

Parcel 1: From R-13 Resort Tourist District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District at the southwest corner of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Washington Avenue. Said parcel contains 26,639 square feet.

Parcel 2: From A-12 Apartment District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on the west side of Washington Avenue beginning at a point 140 feet more or less south of Virginia Beach Boulevard. Said parcel contains 23,850 square feet. Said parcels are located at 849 and 853 Virginia Beach Boulevard (GPIN #2417-86-2074), DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Billy W. Chaplain for a Conditional Use Permit for a bulk storage yard at the southwest corner of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Washington Avenue (GPIN #2417-86-2074). Said parcel is located at 849 & 853 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 19,000 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Hitt Electric Corporation for a Change of Zoning District Classification from AG-1 & AG-2 Agricultural Districts to Conditional I-1 Light Industrial District on the north side of Holland Road, west of Monet Drive (GPIN #1495-23-9573). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional I-1 is for light industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for business parks, offices and appropriately located industrial and employment supports uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 2972 Holland Road and contains 3.87 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Hitt Electric Corporation for a Conditional Use Permit for a building contractor's yard on the north side of Holland Road, west of Monet Drive (GPIN #1495-23-9573). Said parcel is located at 2972 Holland Road and contains 3.87 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

MODIFICATION TO THE GREEN RURAL LAND USE PLAN:

8. An Ordinance upon Application of RCR Management Company, Inc. for a modification to the Green Rural Land Use Plan to allow motor vehicle rentals (trucks) in the northwest corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Primrose Lane (GPIN #1485-78-3134). Said parcel is located at 1401 Lynnhaven Parkway and contains 3.797 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONS:

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Oscar L. Everett, III, for a modification of conditions placed on the application for a conditional use permit for gas pumps on April 23, 1991. Property is located at 2530 Lynnhaven Parkway. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Oscar L. Everett, III, for a Conditional Use Permit for a car wash at the southeast corner of Lynnhaven Parkway and Indian

River Road (GPIN #1465-83-3733). Said parcel is located at 2530 Lynnhaven Parkway and contains 3.124 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

11. An Ordinance upon Application of Greater St. Andrews A.M.E. Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church addition on property located on the east side of MacDonald Road, south of Townsend Drive (GPIN #1456-0178). Said property is located at 3008 MacDonald Road and contains 1 acre. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

12. An Ordinance upon Application of Lucor, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an automotive service center (Jiffy Lube) at the northeast intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Old Virginia Beach Boulevard (GPIN #1487-95-1262). Said parcel is located at 3292 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 17,380.44 square feet. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNAHVEN.

13. An Ordinance upon Application of Snyder's RV (Davis Corner Motors, Inc.) for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales & rentals (RV sales) on the east side of Newtown Road, north of Virginia Beach Boulevard. Said parcel is located at 470 Newtown Road and contains 1.305 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.

AMENDMENT:

14. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach to amend Sections 203 and 230 of the City Zoning Ordinance, revising the requirements of off-street vehicular parking for churches in shopping centers and clarifying such requirements for uses permitted pursuant to a conditional use permit.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 11/8/00:

15. An Ordinance upon Application of A. Stanley Mundy & Co., for a Conditional Use Permit for a bulk storage yard on certain property located on the west side of S. Birdneck Road beginning at a point 400 feet north of Owl's Creek Lane (GPIN #2417-41-8550). Said parcel contains 5.28 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

16. An Ordinance upon Application of TALC/Newsouth Associates for a Conditional Use Permit for a self-storage facility on the north side of Newtown Road, 320 feet more or less west of Broadmead Boulevard (GPIN #1468-63-4020). Said parcels are located at 909 Newtown Road and contains 29,620.8 square feet more or less. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

17. An Ordinance upon Application of Z-Mark, LLC for a Conditional Use Permit for fuel sales in conjunction with a convenience store on the east side of Independence Boulevard, 200 feet north of Honeygrove Road (GPIN #1478-55-0966). Said parcel is located at 414 Independence Boulevard and contains 33,541 square feet. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

18. An Ordinance upon Application of The Home Depot, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a bulk storage yard on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, west of King Richard Drive (GPIN #1487-85-1650). Said parcel is located at 3352 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 12.64 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNAHVEN.

19. An Ordinance upon Application of Sair Enterprises, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an automobile service station in conjunction with a convenience store, automotive repair and automotive storage at the northwest corner of S. Lynnhaven Road and Siliia Drive (GPIN #1497-10-7039). Said parcel is located at 3096 S. Lynnhaven Road and contains 41,599.8 square feet. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

20. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Ronald and Elizabeth A. Kosher. Property is located at 1601 Nanney Creek Road (GPIN #2410-55-8546). DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott
Planning Director

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Christmas trees turn into year-round hobby



TREE TIME. Cynthia Smith of Virginia Beach decorates trees for all seasons as a hobby and for profit. —Photo by Jason Norman

Cynthia Smith creates 'treerific' trees year-round

By Jason Norman

Correspondent

For many of us, a Christmas tree is just that, an extremely large and oftentimes messy decoration. For Cynthia Smith of Virginia Beach, however, the trees can come in handy more than once throughout the year.

"About eight years ago, I was a little slow dismantling my Christmas tree because I was busy at work and home," she remembers. "In the second week of January, I realized that I still had my tree in my living room. I enjoy decorating trees, but I can do a great job of procrastinating when it's time to put them away."

"I decided to take off the Christmas decorations and just leave the flowers. This was the development of the Valentine's Day tree. My daughter then suggested the St. Patrick's Day tree, and it seemed rational to create one for Easter, the Fourth of July and Halloween. A hobby was born."

Smith now operates the company Treerific Trees out of her home. She provides trees for holidays throughout the year, as well as for birthdays, baby showers, weddings and anniversaries.

"The weddings and baby showers are probably my biggest sellers," says Smith, the former Academic Schedules/Facilities Coordinator of Norfolk State University. "I've had inquiries from around Virginia and Maryland."

Today, the Smith living room is decorated with several of Smith's creations. "This is our showroom,"

she explains, as her husband Willard watches from a nearby armchair. "When people get in touch with us, we bring them over to our home, and show them our creations first hand."

Her Halloween tree has to be seen to be believed. The creation stands extremely tall, covered with

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Cynthia Smith

ornaments of the October holiday. Up and down the branches lie ghosts, skeletons, mice, scarecrows and pumpkins, while orange lights provide an eerie sort of illumination.

Smith jokingly remembers the past Halloween. "I'd have trick-or-treaters come by the house and see the trees, and their parents came in too. Everyone was fascinated by it."

The baby shower tree is also interesting. It's slightly smaller than the others, and white (as opposed to the usual dark green). It's covered with small toys (the stuffed mice are hysterically funny) and child-type ribbons.

Smith's wedding trees is designed to be the focal point for gifts at the wedding.

"People can come in with presents," Willard says, "and instead

of putting them on the table, they can just lay them under the tree!"

"People can't really picture trees like these," she continues. "But when they finally see the trees, they're very impressed."

With Thanksgiving in the air, Smith described her tree for the November holiday. "A Thanksgiving tree would first be covered with fall leaves," she theorizes, "and fall flowers. I'd also use Thanksgiving-type ornaments, like pilgrims or turkeys."

"We're trying to lock in several contracts with businesses," Willard

says. "We're trying to establish year-round arrangements, when we'll give them a tree, and go in and change it for every holiday, about six times a year. We just take the decorations for one holiday off and put on the ones for the next holiday."

"This is a very pleasurable hobby for me," Cynthia says. "I enjoy every minute that I spend looking for the right pieces that will enhance my projects. It's always a challenge, because I never make any two trees the exact same way. I'm always adding to them."

Va. Beach United Way campaign celebrates record-breaking success

By Victoria Weinstein

Special to the Sun

United Way of South Hampton Roads celebrated the end of a record-breaking campaign at this at the Park restaurant in Harbor Park in downtown Norfolk.

Volunteers, staff and coordinators had gathered that evening to learn the final results of this year's fund-raising efforts and the enormous amount of help it will provide for the community as a result of their hard work.

They were not disappointed.

Jeff Gray, an attorney with Wilcox and Savage, was this year's city campaign chairman for Virginia Beach. Gray proudly announced that Virginia Beach had met and exceeded its campaign goal by raising \$3,374,532.

This represents 103.6 percent of their original campaign goal of \$3,255,728. The Virginia Beach campaign raised money from local organizations and their employees as well as individual residents of the city. Residents of Virginia Beach can feel proud that their donations will be used wisely throughout the coming year.

Russell Turner, this year's General Campaign Chairman, hosted the evening's program and stressed the "Power of Community" in providing support for local health and human service programs. Through the combined effort of thousands of local residents and area organizations our community is made stronger and local people can get a hand up in improving their lives.

Part of this combined effort included a fund established for the victims and their families of the Cole attack by United Way of South Hampton Roads. Capt. Steve Barker, chair of the local Combined Federal Campaign, presented to Turner a framed picture of those military personnel who were killed in the attack on the Cole in appreciation for the almost \$10,000 that was raised through this fund.

Amidst cheers and shouts, the numbers raised in each city campaign, the Combined Federal Campaign and the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign, were announced individually.

Seahawks are in competition with Corporate Landing Middle School Jets to provide canned goods to the local food bank. The winner of the food drive will decorate the other school's holiday dance and marquee in the winner's school colors. Students are asked to donate at least one can per student. Any community member is welcomed to drop off any non-perishable item for this wonderful cause. Show your Seahawk support and stack up the canned goods. This is also being covered by Channel 10 news and Z104 radio station.

Red Mill Elementary School kindergarten students will take a field trip to Coleman's Nursery Friday, Dec. 15. Contact, Cindy Williams, kindergarten grade level chairperson, for more information.

The Green Run Elementary kindergarten classes will attend the movie "102 Dalmatians" at Regal Cinema on Friday, Dec. 1. The students will leave school at 9:15 a.m. and return about 11:45 a.m. They will receive a tour of the movie theater and enjoy a snack there.

Green Run Elementary will also recognize the school's November Good Citizens on Dec. 1. Good Citizens are announced the first Friday of each month. The selected will be invited to an ice cream social on that Friday afternoon at 2:20 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Certificates for the good citizens will be awarded at the Dec. 12 PTA meeting.

The Green Run Elementary School Planning Council will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7.

Green Run Elementary PTA will sponsor a Frosty Shop through Woodall Fundraising Dec. 11-15. The holiday shop will be open for students during their lunch. The Frosty Shop will also be open on Saturday, Dec. 9 during which time students may visit with Santa and enjoy cookies. The night of Dec. 12 the Frosty Shop will be open to parents after the PTA meeting. The fifth grade chorus will perform holiday music at the PTA meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.

Students from Glenwood Elementary School will get to have "Breakfast with Santa" Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 to 11 a.m.

The cost of the tickets will be \$2. There will be limited tickets sold so reservations are needed. Santa will be available to have a picture taken or to accept a wish list for the holidays. There will also be small crafts available for a fee of \$1 each.

The first fifty children to have their parents sign them up will be able to design a melamine plate. The cost for each plate is \$6. For questions contact Glenwood Elementary School, 471-5858.

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Christmas Chanukah celebration

Twinklers to Sizzler...Suzuki Violin will present its 2000 Christmas Chanukah Celebration in Music on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. at Christian Church United in Virginia Beach. Suzanne Schreck of Chesapeake directs the studio, currently in its 27th year.

The concert is open to the public, free of charge. The audience is invited to join the performers for refreshments after the concert. Call

420-8252 (evenings and weekends)
for more information.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

■ The Pembroke Meadows Elementary PTA will host a Christmas Skating Party on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Haygood Skating Center, 1036 Ferry Plantation Rd. For more information call 473-5020.

■ The Pembroke Meadows PTA, 820 Cathedral Dr., will host a Santa's Breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission to the pancake breakfast in the school cafeteria is \$2. A photographer will be available to take pictures of the students with Santa for \$3 per picture. Also featured will be a Christmas Craft Show for adults and a Santa's Shop for children.

■ The Pembroke Meadows PTA invites you to a Holiday Music Program on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The "Singing Panther" Chorus will perform music celebration Hanukkah, Las Posadas, and music to accompany the poem, "A Christmas Meditation," by J. Rosenberger. Guests faculty artists include Roger

Spuler, poem reader, and Vicki Alexander and Miss Heather Alexander, singing "Somewhere in My Memory."

■ The choruses of Cox High School and Kellam High School will combine with the Virginia Beach Symphony for a holiday concert Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Pavilion. Tickets are available at the Pavilion Box Office, 437-7629. Contact Wendy VanGent, chorus director, 496-6767.

■ The Cox High School Band and Choral Holiday Concert will be Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at Cox High School. The event is free and open to the public.

■ Marianne Matson, Communication Skills Teacher, has been named Cox High School's Teacher of the Year. Matson has been at Cox High School since 1994. She oversees the peer-tutoring program, administers the SOL tutoring program, and works with teachers to develop lesson plans to meet the needs of students.

■ The Falcon Press, Cox High School's student newspaper, has earned Trophy Class designation from the Virginia High School League for its 1999-2000 publication. Contact Susan Buchanan, newspaper adviser, 412-3329.

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News in Brief

Holiday family fest

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia will present a Holiday Family Fest Sunday, Dec. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. Celebrate the winter holidays with tasty treats, cheerful music, colorful ornaments to make and take and gingerbread boys and girls to decorate. Also, meet 94-year-old Bessie Nickens and at 3 p.m. hear delightful stories from her childhood, as portrayed in the current exhibition of her paintings, "Walking the Log...Memories of a Southern Childhood: Painting by Bessie Nickens."

Nickens will also be signing copies of her illustrated book available for sale in the center's gift shop (CAC members receive a discount).

Family Fest is sponsored by The Virginia Beach Foundation and WHRO's "Colors All Our Own," and is coordinated, in part, through ART Atrium II Art Center in Portsmouth. The event is free and open to the public.

Lighting the way

"Hog-scraper," "rush light," "extinguisher" — learn about these items and more in a special tour featuring the lighting devices of 17th-century Virginia. Providing light without burning down the house could be quite a challenge in early America. Learn how they did it Saturday, Dec. 9 or Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. at the Adam Thoroughgood House during "Lighting the Way." This tour is included in the regular admission price of \$3.50 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2.50 for students and \$2 for children. The Adam Thoroughgood House is located at 1636 Parish Rd. Call 431-4000.

Christmas musical

The adult choirs of Virginia Beach United Methodist Church, 19th Street and Pacific Avenue, will be joined by Virginia Symphony instrumentalists at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Dec. 10 in two performances of the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah under the direction of Deborah Carr.

For more information call, 428-7727.

Puppet show

The Kempsville Area Library, 832 Kempsville Rd., will present their fourth annual "Family Christmas Puppet Show," Dec. 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. The whole family is invited for an evening of holiday entertainment. Call 495-1016 to register, beginning Monday, Nov. 20. Participation is limited to 100.

Park renovations

Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation will be holding an information meeting at 7 p.m., Dec. 11 in the Windsor Woods Elementary School cafeteria at 233 Presidential Blvd. to discuss the renovations at Mount Trashmore District Park.

During this meeting, staff from the city of Virginia Beach Department of Parks and Recreation, Public Works and Public Utilities will provide an update to citizens on the status of the bank stabilization project, the reapplying of the mountain and the pump station to be installed at Kids Cove.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information call Parks and Recreation Administration, 563-1100 or e-mail fun@city.virginia-beach.va.us.

Pizza and ice cream

Creeds Elementary School invites everyone to join them Dec. 18 from 5 to 8 p.m. for pizza and ice cream at Pungo Pizza, 1776 Princess Anne Road.

Bobby the Clown will be there from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to entertain the kids, or they can go to the large game room for kids of all ages. By letting them know when you pay that you are from Creeds Elementary, the school will receive a 10 percent donation of the total sales for the evening.

Christmas songs

The internationally-acclaimed Princess Anne High School Chorus, under the direction of Donald Nuttmeier, will sing favorite Christmas songs at Virginia Beach United Methodist Church, 19th Street and Pacific Avenue Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 11:30 a.m., followed by luncheon at noon.

A free-will offering will be accepted for the concert. Luncheon is \$2.50 and reservations are required. Call 428-7727.

Basketball camp

The Paul Webb Holiday Basketball Camp will be held Dec. 26-29 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Great Neck, Kempville and Princess Anne community recreation centers. Cost is \$80 and is open to boys and girls in grades one through eight. To register call 464-4561.

Designs to offset flooding proposed

Public works staff wants developers to elevate houses, roads

By Lee Cahill

City Council Reporter

The public works staff has proposed requiring developers to have higher elevations for their houses and roads in their subdivisions to address flooding in tidal areas.

The cure, the staff admits, would provide a challenge in that it will be expensive and will be in conflict with another city goal, to preserve trees and other vegetation.

Mark A. Johnson, administrator of the

Virginia Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for the city, presented the changes at a work session Tuesday. He said that after presenting the proposed changes to the Tidewater Builders Association and the engineering community, the changes to specifications and standards will be finalized and presented to City Council for approval in February or March of next year.

Among the changes:

- Streets will be required to remain passable during a 100-year storm event.
- Lot grading will be required so that the structure finish floor, garage, heating and air conditioning systems and crawl space are above the 100-year flood.
- Specific tidal tailwater requirements will be updated.
- Design storms will be updated.
- Increase the storm water runoff coefficient.
- Increase the drainage ditch roughness coefficients.

Johnson said that at present the finished elevation has to be one foot above the 100-year flood plain. The new standard would require even the garage to be one foot above the flood plain. He said that the streets and lots will have to come up so that in a 100-year flood the house will not be flooded. The whole subdivision has to come up, he said.

Public Works Director Dean Block said that his department's first concern is for

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Battle of Great Bridge re-enacted

By Bob Rueggesser

Correspondent

Two hundred twenty-five years ago, Virginia Royal Governor John Murray, 4th Earl of Dunmore sent his British Regulars and Royal Ethiopians against Colonel William Woodford's Virginia rifleman near the village of Great Bridge. For Dunmore and his soldiers, the results were disastrous. Woodford's expert riflemen simply cut the British to pieces.

On Dec. 9-10 at Chesapeake City Park in Chesapeake, re-enactors from across the Mid-Atlantic region and New England will gather to commemorate one of the significant battles in American Colonial history and to honor those who sacrificed their lives during that pivotal engagement.

This celebration is sponsored by the Great Bridge and Chesapeake chapters of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Norfolk County Historical Society of Chesapeake, Sons of the American Revolution (Norfolk Chapter), and Chesapeake Parks and Recreation. The public is invited to experience the re-enactment of the Patriot victory at Great Bridge and relive Colonial life through military encampments, demonstrations, character portrayals, and music.

While the battle has never gained the degree of textbook prominence that some other Revolutionary War battles have enjoyed, it was no less significant to the Patriot cause than the engagements at Lexington, Concord, and Bunker Hill.

The Battle of Great Bridge was most consequential because Dunmore's devastating military debacle at Great Bridge forced the British evacuation from southeastern Virginia and gave impetus to the Patriot cause.

Excerpts from Colonel Woodford's letters describing the battle to Edmund Pendleton, president of the Virginia Convention appeared in *The Virginia Gazette* in Williamsburg on Dec. 13, 1775.

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MARCHING TO THE BEAT OF A DIFFERENT DRUMMER. Thomas Sledge, back, re-enactor and teacher, acts as Billy Flora. Peter Zink, front, portrays a regimental musician. — Photo by Bob Rueggesser

Parking deck closed

By Bobbie Whitehead

Editor

Virginia Beach officials have ended a two-month inspection of city parking structures, closing a portion of yet another.

The Ambassador Suites parking structure at 2315 Atlantic Ave. ended up placarded as unsafe since its guard system proved unable to withstand vehicular impact, officials said.

The management firm of the oceanfront condominium says it could take a month before it can make adjustments to the structure.

City inspections officials have presented their findings to the hotel owner and are requiring owners to submit a plan for corrective action to the Permits and Building Inspections Division, said John Uhrin, operations director for Burbage Management Inc., which manages the Ambassador.

"We're in the process now of hiring an engineer to give us his recommendation," Uhrin said. "We won't do anything until we get the recommendation from our engineer."

Until then, the top level of the deck has been closed to parking.

"There doesn't look like a whole lot needs to be done," Uhrin said. "There appeared to be a problem with the wheel guards."

Virginia Beach officials hired the structural engineering firm, Desman Associates, in September and began emergency safety inspections of all parking structures built before 1996 when the standards were upgraded.

An accident in which a vehicle with four New York nurses plunged to the ground from the top level of a parking deck of the Sandcastle Hotel prompted the inspections.

So far, the city has inspected 27 private parking structures, completing the measure last week.

During the inspection, the four parking structures found unsafe include the Sandcastle Oceanfront Motel at the intersection of 14th Street and Atlantic Avenue, Dolphin Run Condominium at 303 Atlantic Ave. and The Chesapeake House on the Bay at 3558 Shore Dr.

During a city inspection, officials advised Ambassador Suites owner of improvements needed.

But it wasn't until the Desman Associates inspection that a portion of the deck was closed, said Andrew M. Friedman, Virginia Beach Housing and Neighborhood Preservation Department director.

"We acknowledged that we are not structural engineers," Friedman said. "We hired the experts to let the experts address the problem."

Desman Associates will present a preliminary report to City Council at its next meeting Tuesday. A final report is expected to be completed at the first of the year.

Accidental fire claims child

Staff Report

A 3-year-old victim of a house-fire earlier this week died Wednesday. Zachary Hansel, of the 2100 block of Wolfenbarger Road, died at The Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk from injuries he suffered in the blaze.

The Virginia Beach Fire Department ruled the fire accidental.

Fire investigators determined that the blaze started on the first floor in the den by a 5-year-old occupant playing with matches.

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Lynnhaven boat ramp OK'd

City Council accepts \$620,521 state grant

By Lee Cahill

City Council Reporter

The Lynnhaven Boat Ramp and Beach Facility, 20 years in the making, is close to reality now with the adoption by City Council Tuesday of an ordinance accepting two grants and a staff report on plans for the facility.

Making the public operation more palatable to council members are plans to charge a user fee and to limit services, such as food services, that would compete with the surrounding businesses.

Some nearby business owners, nevertheless, felt that the operation would be in competition with private enterprise and supported privatization of the facility.

Sara Hensley, director of Parks and Recreation who presented the policy report on the facility at a council workshop Tuesday, said that some privatization of the operation is not out of the question.

The policy report recommends operation of the facility by parks and recreation but not limited to that concept, charging user fees for the facility's use and providing a discount for individuals with a saltwater fishing license.

The two grants, totaling \$620,521 from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, represent the largest amount of money at a single time granted to the city in the state, according to Barry Frankenfield, with parks and recreation.

The current total estimated cost to construct the facility is \$1,770,521 which is included in the capital improvement program.

"This is a government service that should be offered."

Councilman W.W. Harrison

The facility will be located off Shore Drive just west of the Lesser Bridge.

It will have four concrete boat launch lanes with mooring areas; 88 trailer parking spaces; lighting; restroom facilities with outside shower/rinse areas and changing areas; an information kiosk; a vending machine area and safe walk areas. The facility also will provide 102 general parking spaces for pedestrian beach access.

Commentary

Holiday safety a must

The Virginia State Police reports that 16 people died on Virginia highways during the five-day Thanksgiving weekend.

That's about five people fewer than the 21 killed on highways during the 1999 holiday.

Hampton Roads motorists should consider themselves lucky that none of the deaths occurred on area highways. Still, 16 people elsewhere died.

State Police say that reckless driving was the leading cause of the Thanksgiving crashes and was listed as a violation in 11 of the fatal crashes. Alcohol also played a part in five of the crashes.

Police also tell us that victims ranged in age from 17 to 81, and seven didn't wear safety belts.

While Thanksgiving holiday fatalities declined, the State Police report that traffic fatalities increased overall this year.

In fact, 831 people have died on Virginia highways this year compared to the 797 that died in 1999.

The increase is scary and sad for both the families and friends who most likely continue to deal with their loss.

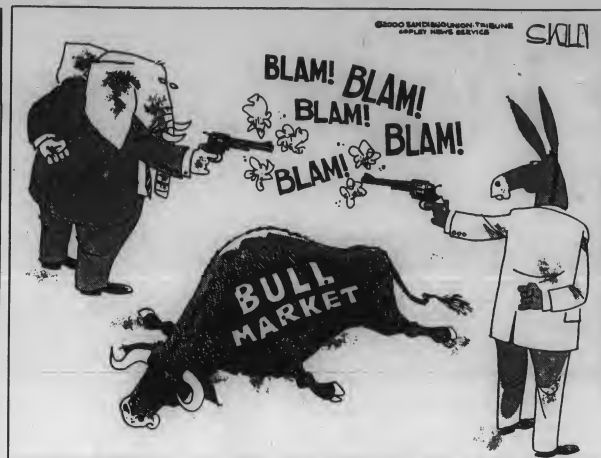
Police attribute the decline in highway fatalities over the Thanksgiving holiday to law enforcement agencies participating in Operation Combined Accident Reduction Effort. In doing so, officers stepped up the patrol of roadways, making arrests or issuing summonses for speeding, reckless driving, driving under the influence and failure to wear safety belts, among other violations.

The Virginia State Police, for example, issued 2,077 summonses for reckless driving, 1,152 for failing to wear safety belts and 2,147 for other hazardous violations during the holiday.

Troopers charged 152 people with DUIs.

State Police will begin the statistical counting period for the Christmas holiday at noon Dec. 22 and will end the count at noon Dec. 26.

As the 12 days of Christmas approach, Hampton Roads motorists should continue to take care on the highway — don't drive carelessly and don't drink and drive. — B.W.



Letter to the editor

Finally, some thought-provoking remarks from Sessions

Editor: After months of reading the most derogatory, hateful, warped and demeaning remarks about Democrats and, in particular, President Clinton, I was dumfounded to read B.J. Sessions' column in Friday, Nov. 24 issue.

At last a column in which his thoughts were somewhat organized, showed some respect for people other than Republicans and, a miracle, a decent, truthful

remark about President Bill Clinton. Now if he could only bring himself to say a decent remark about Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton or other Democrats, even local ones.

Thank you for publishing Eileen Huey's column. It is always well written, thought-provoking, interesting, to the point and informative.

Mary B. West
Chesapeake

Confusion reigns "supreme"

Who won the Florida election is the most confused state of affairs I've witnessed in my lifetime. The simplest solution from day one was for the entire state to sit down and hand

count every vote county by county since the margin between the candidates is so close. But we are talking about politicians here! It comes at no surprise to anyone that they wouldn't know how to use common

sense if their lives depended on it. This time it is not anyone's life, but the presidency of the United States that has hung in the balance as we waited for the courts to bring us some clarity. It was everyone's hope that the Florida Supreme Court would provide a definitive framework for resolving the mess their state's election code had put our entire nation.

So when they ruled on Nov. 22, they had at last provided us with a roadmap for arriving at an accurate count of how the citizens of Florida cast their votes for president on Election Day. But that has turned out to be the case at all.

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So here we are back at square one again. The U.S. Supreme Court did not bother to tell us how the contradictions in Florida election law should be cleared up because, of course, they can't. They have authority to interpret the U.S. Constitution but have zero jurisdiction to resolve disputes that arise under Florida law.

Now, isn't that a fine kettle of fish. We have laws on the books in our states that govern presidential elections but no courts with the authority to resolve conflicts under those laws. The only thing the Supreme Court did when it vacated the Florida Supreme Court order was to muddy the water even more than it was before.

This dueling constitution problem is the most troubling part of all. If state constitutions have no authority in a presidential election, then why do we have state elections for president in the first place?

Why not have a national election and forget about the entire state component in presidential elections all together?

Obviously, you can't hold an election without laws in place to govern it, so they might as well be federal laws so we would at least have fed-

eral courts to resolve any conflicts.

Of course, any dispute that arose regarding who is or is not the legitimate electors could not be resolved by any court, since the resolution of that dispute is reserved to Congress. That's what the U.S. Constitution provides.

But I have a serious question for those conservatives who believe in strict construction of the U.S. Constitution. Since in their view the U.S. Constitution gives plenary and even arbitrary power for selecting presidential electors to the state legislatures, why do we bother to hold a presidential election in the first place? I don't doubt for a second that the conservatives are right as to the intent of the framers regarding who should have the power to select the electors. The framers definitely wanted the state legislatures to have absolute control over who they would be and, hence, who would choose the president.

After all, the same Constitution gave state legislatures the authority to directly elect the U.S. senators until it was amended to that they must be elected by the people earlier this century. If there was one thing our framers did not trust, it was the will of the masses, which is how they saw the common ordinary citizen of the United States.

The more I think about it, the more the names of the two major political parties make great sense.

Republicans argued vehemently that our governmental institutions be controlled primarily by their representatives with little to no real power in the hands of the electorate (i.e., they care most about the "republic").

On the other hand, the Democratic Party wants political power to be more directly linked to the people themselves (i.e., they care more about the political will of the "democ").

Well, if nothing else, at least this messy election has caused me to fully realize that I am definitely in the right political party after all!

Founding fathers weren't perfect

With all of the chicanery going on in Florida involving the lawyers, courts and politicians, the words "Founding Fathers" have been used quite frequently.

There is a popular impression that the "Founding Fathers" were above politics. The American people insist on believing that the generation that gave us the Declaration of Independence, the Revolution, and the Constitution did not stoop to playing politics, but colonial historians disagree.

Elbridge Gerry, one of the drafters of the Constitution, is held responsible for the political technique of gerrymandering. Constitutional scholars say that Thomas Jefferson fired as many government workers for political reasons as did Andrew Jackson.

Even the debate over the ratification of the Constitution was sullied by political chicanery.

In one of the most notorious cases anti-federalist representatives were dragged from a tavern and forced to attend a meeting of the Pennsylvania legislature, so that the Federalists could get a quorum and approve a measure to establish a ratifying convention.

To stop the men from leaving the state house before the vote was taken, the doors to the building were blocked.

The election of George Washington is interesting. He was elected as president in 1789. Everyone knew Washington was going to be elected. But conflict between the two parties became so ugly in New York that the state legislature, Federalists in the majority in the Senate and anti-Federalists in the Assembly, couldn't decide whom to elect to the Electoral College.

In the end, Washington was elected without any votes from New York. Both houses remained so locked in political combat that they couldn't agree on the state's two U.S. senators.

That the founders believed in equality is no more true than they believed in democracy.

The Declaration of Independence may say it, but the founders didn't believe all men are created equal.

They apparently believe men are socially or economically equal and didn't believe they should be.

As colonial historian Jack Greene puts it, "No idea was farther from their minds. When they talked about equality in social or economic sense, they meant no more than that each man should have an equal right to achieve the best material life he could within the limits imposed upon him by his ability, means and circumstances."

Our Founding Fathers did indeed have feet of clay.

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Life: a mysterious journey

By Allen W. Smith

"There are no conditions to which a man cannot become accustomed, especially if he sees that all those around him live in the same way." — Leo Tolstoy

There is nothing more certain in life than change. Change is sometimes welcomed, and sometimes resisted, but it is inevitable. Over time, society as a whole evolves. The early cave dwellers had to adjust to their primitive lifestyle just as surely as modern urban dwellers have to adjust to increased traffic, noise, and frustration.

Likewise, as individuals, we must continually learn to adapt as we travel life's uncertain pathway.

Like a book, our lives have many chapters. Some chapters turn out the way we wish, but others do not. Some events of our lives come as great surprises to us. Sometimes the surprises are pleasant, but at other times they are painful.

Most of us think that we would like to write the script for our lives, but that is beyond our power. There are things we can do to influence the quality of our lives, but we certainly cannot totally control it.

Life is a mysterious journey in which we are never allowed to see very far ahead. We travel life's pathway cautiously and with much hope. We never know what lies just around the next bend in the road, or over the horizon. We cannot know in advance which stretch-

es of road will be smooth and which ones will be bumpy.

But we must adjust to conditions along the way no matter what they are. Life is a one-way street, and we are never allowed to turn back or retravel any part of it. For most of us, there are many smooth stretches of road along life's journey, but none of us will find the entire route smooth. We must all take our bumps.

We can feel sorry for ourselves, and complain that we have more than our fair share of bumps, but that will accomplish nothing.

The only realistic choice we have is to find a way to adapt to whatever life's journey brings.

We can all learn much by observing how different kinds of trees react to ice or wind. Some trees have branches that are so rigid they are not capable of bending when covered with ice or hit by a strong windstorm.

Since they can't bend, the branches usually break. Other varieties of trees can withstand terrible ice and wind storms simply because their branches are very flexible and can bend when ice or wind is encountered.

We must learn to bend with the weight and wind of life if we want to escape having our bodies broken. Think about it.

Editor's Note: Allen W. Smith is a syndicated columnist from Naples, Fla., who focuses on the individual and daily life.



Perspectives

By Eileen Huey,
columnist

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Mayor Meyer Oberdorf

ganizations with more than 5 million members. The Virginia Beach Program involves nearly 6,000 members who participate in 4-H clubs, special interest groups, in-school and after-school enrichment programs, 4-H camps and lone members. This program is supported by almost 300 volunteers who assist youth in enriching projects and activities.

Four-H prides itself in teaching "life skills." Young people join 4-H to learn, have fun and be with friends. Through their experiences, they develop self-confidence, social interaction skills, decision-making abilities, citizenship and leadership skills, practical knowledge and physical skills that will help them become valuable partners and resources in solving community problems. Through 4-H, every young person has individual gifts, talents, knowledge and skills and meaningful roles to make an impact on society. Four-H takes every opportunity to ensure that young people are more valued and respected for the role they play in the community. Some of the accomplishments of the 4-H programs during the year 2000 are as follows:

■ The "Beginning of Life" school enrichment program was provided to 136 classes with 2,269 youth participants.

■ Ten 4-Hers and four adult leaders started a Junior Stockmen's Club, trained each month and participated in five regional and state wide contests. One member placed 15th in the annual Junior Stockmen's Contest of the 1999 State Fair.

■ Forty-four youth attended the annual 4-H Aerospace Quest Camp. This program emphasized aviation technology, the principles of flight, basic physics, exploring the constellations, careers in aviation and rocket design, launching and safety.

■ Fifty-one youth exhibited 97 animals and sold 92 at the annual Virginia Beach 4-H Livestock Show and Sale. The livestock program provides young people with a broad-based view of the animal science industry and stimulates interest in raising, managing and marketing one of three species (market cattle, market hogs, market lambs and breeding ewes) of livestock.

■ Virginia Beach 4-H conducted an educational program "4-H Connections" Literacy Program for 40 youth participants. Fourteen teen and two adult mentors provided reading and language arts instruction to program participants using laptop computers and the "School House Rocks, Grammar Rocks" computer software.

■ In partnership with Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Inc., 15 individuals and families provided "foster homes" to raise potential guide dog puppies. Since its inception in June 1995, 51 dogs have been a part of the Virginia Beach Puppy Raising Program with eight dogs graduated as guide dogs and three dogs as broods. Public response continues to grow with the

Through their experiences, they develop self-confidence, social interaction skills, decision-making abilities, citizenship and leadership skills.

addition of six new puppy raisers to the program. Ultimately, the dogs will play a valuable role in improving the quality of life for blind men and women.

■ A Virginia Beach 4-H agent was appointed co-chair of the Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup in Louisville, Ky. This event involved 338 teens participating in one of six educational horse events. The 4-H Horse Roundup is an educational program sponsored by the North American International Livestock Exposition, Extension Service United States Department of Agriculture and 4-H Extension Staff.

■ New 4-H volunteer training was provided to 16 adult volunteers. Three volunteers held offices for the District 4-H Leaders Conference held in November 1999 and October 2000.

■ Sixty-three teens participated in four monthly 4-H leadership workshops held at the 4-H Office and Airfield 4-H Center. The leadership training was designed to prepare the teens for their camp leadership roles for the Virginia Beach 4-H Camp.

■ The 4-H Expanded Foods and Nutrition Education Program focuses on providing food and nutrition education information that reinforces improved eating habits for youth from low-income, limited resource families. Youth ages 5 to 19, are recruited to participate in 4-H EFNEP by the program assistant and/or volunteer leaders. Four-hundred youth participated in six hours hands-on education sessions held weekly or bi-monthly at various locations throughout the city. Preschool children prepare snacks for tasting of new foods, and older age groups enjoy games and activities that make learning fun of foods that kids may not normally eat. Four-H EFNEP is used by several groups in Virginia Beach, such as the Headstart Stop Organization and the PAL—Police Department at risk after school groups.

■ Four-H Junior Camp provides a live-away from home experience for boys and girls aged 9 to 13. It is an exciting educational opportunity for learning on learning using the outdoor environment as a laboratory. The fond memories that the 4-H camping experiences provides last a lifetime. Two-hundred-thirteen youth attended the 4-H Junior Camp in 2000.

Commitment to the 4-H mission involves strong support to help youth develop personal standards and values, positive self concepts and effective interpersonal and communication skills; inquiring minds; an eagerness to learn; and the ability to apply science, technology and economic (business) principles. It also works toward the goal of having its members acquire the ability to make decisions, solve problems and accept responsibilities.

The continuation of the 4-H legacy is founded on the basic principal of equipping youth with the basic competencies necessary for successful participation in adolescent and adult life. Youth or adults who want to participate in the Virginia Beach 4-H Program may contact the Virginia Beach 4-H Office, 427-4769. Remember, when we invest in youth—we invest in tomorrow.

Joseph Hofferger, the city's 4-H Extension Agent, contributed to this column.

City Council approves Upton Drive plans

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

City Council by a vote of 9-1 and one abstention has agreed to enter a participation agreement with Lakeside Corporation for construction of Upton Drive, a street east of General Booth Boulevard which will serve the area as a second north-south roadway.

Councilwoman Reba McClanahan voted against the motion and councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. abstained.

Upton Drive appears as a parallel corridor to General Booth Boulevard in the city's master transportation plan.

Upton Drive is located between Dam Neck Road and Warner Hall

but it is not completed south of Warner Hall to Ironway Parkway. Also, the right-of-way needed to complete an alternative east-west corridor from Lago Mar to General Booth is not city owned.

The project would cost approximately \$2.2 million (\$1.7 million for construction) and \$500,000 for right-of-way acquisition. Lakeside has agreed to accept \$975,000 as full payment for the project and to complete the roads within approximately five to eight months. Funds are available from the Queen City Street improvements project (\$200,000) and the major intersection improvements project (\$775,000).

Up close and personal

James J. Stark: 'Michelangelo' of oncology

By Bobbie Whitehead
Editor

Dr. James J. Stark knows it when he sees it. That is, the oncologist and medical director of the Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Olde Towne knows cancer.

After all, he's spent the past 23 years studying various types from Hodgkin's Disease to breast and lung cancer.

People know him for his work, too. Word that Stark specializes in treating cancer has, at times, interrupted time with his family.

"Once while my family and I had dinner in Norfolk, a man came over to the table and sat down with us," Stark said. "He pulled out this piece of paper with some test results on it, and asked me if I'd explain it to him."

"My kids just sort of looked up in embarrassment."

But Stark says he doesn't mind the questions. In fact, most people, including many of his friends, seek his opinion and advice on health issues. He can't get away from that—even on vacation.

And he doesn't want to. Stark's most recent diagnosis garnered national attention from both the medical and the literary art communities.

He wrote an article, "The Breasts of Night: Michelangelo as Oncologist" in the New England Journal of Medicine in which he interprets a marble sculpture by Michelangelo as depicting signs of advanced cancer.

Stark and Dr. Jonathan K. Nelson, a New York University art history professor, focus on the left breast in Michelangelo's Night, a sculpture in the Medici Chapel of the Church of San Lorenzo in Florence, Italy.

"I've been doing this for so long, and most of my patients are those with breast cancer," said Stark, a Harvard University Medical School alumnus. "So when I looked at the sculpture, there it was. I whispered to my wife, 'That woman has breast cancer.'"

Stark admits that he hasn't had a life-long interest in art history. But when he visited the four crypts with sculptures at the Florence church, he saw it. "I was with a guy at the time who was stunned," Stark said. "People have been looking at the statue for 500 years, and no one's ever noticed it."

One thing's for sure, he said, the interpretation of the lump in the left breast changes the popularly held theories of Michelangelo and his view of women. "The person buried in the crypt under this statue died an agonizing death," he said. "Michelangelo didn't make that breast that way by accident. He understood cancer as a metaphor for dying."

So for the next year, Stark, other oncologists and art historians tried to figure out if the people living during the Renaissance knew about cancer. "Yes, they did," he said. "They knew it was a wasting disease, it caused lumps and would become horrible and grow."

Almost 40 percent of the patients Stark treats at the Portsmouth clinic are those with breast cancer—for this reason, he knew Michelangelo's lump wasn't random. He began his cancer studies at the Barnes Jewish Hospital of the University of Washington in St. Louis in the 1970s.

Cancer research had burst with many new developments. "That's when the new chemotherapy treatments were being introduced," he said. "It was an exciting time, sort of an explosion in the field."

When Stark isn't making a diagnosis or developing treatments for his patients, he's just like anyone else. He likes to play golf and dine out with his wife. "You can't do what I do effectively, if you take it home with you," he said. "Anybody in this field needs time away from it."

"It's a very tough thing to do what I do."

Now, he grapples, at times, with the reality that some of his patients are his friends and his age.



"When I was 30 and everybody I saw was approaching 70, I didn't relate to them," he said. "But now I do."

Still, Stark says there's nothing as challenging or satisfying, "because you're helping people."

A few years into college, though, Stark wanted to become a famous musician.

"I came to my senses," he said.

Stark continuously conducts research and is now studying gene therapy and the use of antioxidants with chemotherapy.

"I think we've made tremendous advances," Stark said. "But we have a long way to go."

Name: James J. Stark, M.D.

What brought you to this area: A good practice opportunity. I became the first board-certified oncologist in this area 23 years ago.

Hometown: Fort Lee, N.J.

Age: 55.

Nickname: Jim.

Occupation: Physician (medical oncologist).

Marital Status: Married.

Children: John, 29, businessman; Madeline, 24, law school; Brian, 23, graduate school in electrical engineering (Ph.D. candidate).

Favorite movies: "Body Heat," "Men in Black," "Black Orpheus."

Favorite magazines: The New England Journal of Medicine and "New Yorker."

Favorite authors: John Farnstein and Ha Jin.

Favorite night out on the town: Watching rented movies at home.

Favorite restaurant: Bistro.

Favorite meal: Crabcake at 219 (on Granby Street) and merlot.

Pets: Chocolate laborador retriever, Buffy, age 8.

Hobbies: Golf, horseback riding and travel.

Ideal vacation: Golf and eating in Palm Beach.

First job: Intern in Internal Medicine.

Least liked job: Never had a bad job except bus driver in Catskill Mountains in upstate New York while in college.

Favorite sports teams: New York Yankees.

Favorite musicians: J. Gilberto, Yoyo Ma, James Monhele.

How I would like to be remembered: As a loving husband and father.

If I received \$1 million: I'd spend more time in research and teaching.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would talk to people about improving their health.

Jenney on hand for Seatack dedication

By Jason Norman
Correspondent

Many of the faithful Seatack community braved the freezing winds and the occasional snowfall to attend the dedication of Seatack Elementary School on Sunday afternoon. Virginia Beach Superintendent Timothy Jenney joined about the weather during the dedication ceremony.

"I just want to assure all of Seatack's students, parents, faculty and staff," he said with a straight face, "that I have not yet made a decision concerning the cancellation of school tomorrow." The room exploded with laughter. "It is my pleasure to join all of you today for this wonderful dedication," Jenney said seriously. "The doors to this school opened for the first time in March, and we celebrated bricks and mortar. But since then, this school has been filled with the sounds of children laughing and learning."

"Seatack's move was a very short one geographically," Jenney remembered. "Just down the road and

across the street. Symbolically, though, it was much longer, transferring a school from one century into the next, from one millennium to another. The state-of-the-art technology at Seatack will elevate the educational experience of students for many years to come. Between planning our move, and planning for year-round school, the year 2000 has been a difficult year for handling the rigors of the past year. Seatack is the epitome of what a community school should be."

"Seatack Elementary is indeed a school," he concluded. "But to all of the students, the parents, the staff and those that make up the Seatack community, it is home."

"We have a lot to celebrate today," said School Board chairman David Edwards. "We celebrate the commitment that made all of this possible. We celebrate the commitments of the state, for providing the basic funding for education in all public schools. We celebrate the

local commitments of our mayor and City Council. But most of all, we celebrate the commitments of the Seatack community. It is our true hope that this school can continue its tradition of excellence."

Edwards mentioned the still-unmet needs of Seatack. "We do need an expansion of our mentoring program. Mentors from our community are the most effective teachers of our students. I applaud those who have joined our program, and urge many others to do so as well."

Seatack was the first area elementary school to explore the concept of year-round schooling, Edwards recalled. "Year-round schooling has greatly helped our learning process," he said. "I have heard many people mention the great scholastic achievements of Seatack students."

"It is a pleasure to be here for the dedication of Seatack Elementary today," said Vice Superintendent Elizabeth Taylor. "I've been able to witness firsthand all the planning, hard work and commitment of the people to bring proclamation of

this very special day."

Taylor also introduced the guest speaker for the event, Virginia Lt. Gov. John Hager.

"Mr. Hager's victory in the lieutenant governor's election proved that determination, hard work and perseverance can lead to victory, whether in elections, or in real life," she praised. "He believes strongly that every Virginian must have an opportunity to achieve his or her potential."

"It's very cold out today," Hager began, "but it gives all of us a warm feeling on the inside to know that all of us came today to show how much we care about the Seatack community."

"This ceremony makes me realize once again how important a successful and dedicated community is to a wonderful elementary school. Coming together like this will help this school realize its true potential. It is wonderful to see so many students and faculty showing so much dedication to their school that they would come together on a day such as this to welcome this beautiful school."

Battle of Great Bridge re-enactment Saturday



In a letter dated Dec. 9, 1775, Woodford wrote, "I should suppose their loss must be upwards of 50." On the following day, Woodford revised his estimate of enemy casualties.

"From the effusion of blood on the bridge and in the fort...I conceive their loss to be much greater than I thought it yesterday, and the victory to be complete," Woodford contended. Patriots forces suffered only one casualty, according to Woodford's initial account, a wound to the hand.

Among the most conspicuous Patriot defenders was William Flora, a free black man from Portsmouth, who was the last sentinel to give up his post as the enemy approached.

He finally withdrew "amidst a shower of musket balls," Flora courageously returned fire eight times.

Historian Bill Blair, site manager of the Yorktown Victory Center in Yorktown, has portrayed Patriot leader, Col. Woodford, during five previous reenactments.

"Woodford was not a major tactician; he was a user of everything he had available," noted Blair. "The Battle of Great Bridge was kind of the Bunker Hill of the South — many historians say that."

"It was the thing that mustered the Patriots; it drew them together. The Patriots really needed a major victory, and this was it."

Although Dunmore was militarily humiliated, he continued his threatening posture which induced a good portion Norfolk's population to pack up their possessions and leave town.

Before Dunmore left the port of Norfolk, he bombarded the city from four British warships in the Elizabeth River. British sailors were ordered to row ashore and set fire to the warehouses along the waterfront.

Patriot soldiers who considered Norfolk to be a haven for Tories set many buildings on fire. In the ensuing conflagration more than 900 homes were completely destroyed.

When Patriot forces evacuated the

city, the Virginia Convention ordered the remaining houses burned. Norfolk was basically burned to the ground — literally left in ashes.

Norfolk's eradication caused a host of Virginians who had previously been undecided to join the Patriot cause — or leave town.

More than 120 re-enactors have already registered to participate in this year's re-enactment of the battle, according to Ron Phelps, the event coordinator and local re-enactor.

"It's going to be bigger," Phelps said. "We have more British units registered this year than ever before, and we have units of the Continental Line coming down from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New England that we have never had participate before."

This year a special effort was made to attract the descendants of those who fought in the Battle of Great Bridge by the Norfolk County Historical Society because this year marks the 225th anniversary of the decisive confrontation. Phelps estimates that somewhere

between 60 and 75 descendants of battle participants have been located. A large percentage of that number is expected to attend the battle re-enactment.

"The descendants, I'm hoping, will be with us all day Saturday," Phelps said. "There's a big meal planned for both re-enactors and descendants Saturday night. That will add a unique, special flavor to the re-enactment this year."

Choir performs

Kempville Middle School's Holiday Band Concert will be Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out for this musical evening. Call John Brewington, band director or Carol Rich, media liaison, 474-8444, for more information.

Also, "A Holiday Christmas Carol" will be presented by the Kempville Middle School Drama Club on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

Palmer named Beach officer of the year

By Melissa Harris
Correspondent

Sgt. Joseph Palmer was recently named Police Officer of the Year by the Virginia Beach Restaurant Association.

Palmer said the announcement of his award came as quite a shock.

"Everyone keeps telling me it's something I've deserved for a long time," Palmer said. "I guess I didn't realize I was working as hard as I have been."

Police Chief Alfred Jacobs, who nominated Palmer for the award, said it was an easy choice because of Palmer's notable contributions.

"He's done a terrific job in the second precinct," Jacobs said. "He developed a substitution where the officers can meet citizens to fill out a report without having to go all the way back to the precinct, and he created a program called Police Athletic League."

"He's very dedicated and cares about the community."

The PAL program allows children and police officers to spend quality time together. In addition, the program gives children the opportunity to go on field trips and receive help with their homework.

"When we started the PAL program, we had 15 kids and no funding at all," Palmer said. "Now, we've got over 100 kids enrolled and we have quite a bit of private donations."

The PAL program is held at the Seateck Recreation Center and runs from 3 to 6 p.m. According to Palmer, this is a time slot when most children get into trouble. PAL helps to keep the children occupied and out of trouble.

Palmer added that he enjoys the program because it allows the children involved to have positive influences in their lives.

"With most of the kids, we are the most non-dysfunctional adults they will ever deal with," Palmer said. "We try to put a little normalcy and discipline in their lives."

Deputy Chief James Cervera, who came onto the force with Palmer in 1978, said twenty-two years on the force has certainly proved Palmer to be both a dedicated and hard-working police officer.

"I've known Joe over the years, and I watched him volunteer for one of the toughest areas in the city - Seateck," Cervera said. "He took a job in a high crime area and turned it into a community with pride, dignity, and respect."

Cervera said that Palmer went into an area known for crime and treated the citizens with respect. He even handed out his beeper number to citizens in the case of an emergency.

Palmer also helped create "Seateck Community Day." Palmer said that this day was conceptualized and funded by the

"He's very dedicated and cares."

Police Chief Alfred Jacobs

community," Cervera said. Sgt. Michael Koch of the fourth precinct had the opportunity to work for Palmer for five years. Koch was part of a unit that was handpicked by Palmer to eradicate crime in certain areas.

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EARNING THE BADGE. Sgt. Joseph Palmer was named Virginia Beach Police Department's officer of the year. —Photo by Melissa Harris

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role when he was promoted to supervisor.

"He took me under his wing," Koch said. "He let me shadow him and see how he handled situations as a sergeant."

"That isn't something that happens very often, but it is something I will try to do, because he did it for me."

Palmer's future goals include expanding the community-policing unit.

In addition to the programs mentioned, the second precinct is also in a partnership with Star of the Sea Catholic Church, which sponsors families for Christmas each year.

Splash and learn

Second grade students from Windsor Woods Elementary School took a field trip to the Marine Science Museum. Cory Lawson, from left, Courtney Tala, Eric Hammond experience hands-on encounters with stingrays.

Firefighters plan to fill 7-ton truck with toys

Can the Virginia Beach Professional Firefighters fill a seven-ton monster truck full of toys for needy children?

It's a challenge the organization is hoping to fulfill this holiday season.

To brighten Christmas Day for thousands of underprivileged children, the firefighters will collect toys as part of the Toys for Tots program from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16 at Pembroke Mall in Virginia Beach.

"Our goal is to fill up the back of the truck with toys," said Master Firefighter Don Moss. "This is the season of generosity and goodwill and we hope that some of the good fortune that so many of the residents of this city have experienced over the past year will spill over to the benefit of people who haven't had such good fortune."

The monster fire truck, a 1944 Seagrave Fire Truck, is the world's first and only natural gas powered fire engine and stands on five-foot tires. The truck is not only something to gaze at, but has become a

tool for teaching environmental lessons as well as fire safety.

"The truck is a big toy itself, and we feel this is the perfect opportunity to attract both children and adults to the Toys for Tots program," Moss said.

Participants are asked to drop off the new toys in their original packages in the parking lot near the Sears department store, at the corner of Independence and Virginia Beach boulevards. With the firefighters help, the local Toys for Tots program will collect approximately 20,000 toys for needy children this year.

Toys for Tots, which was founded in 1947 by a retired Marine Corps major, helped 20,000 needy children locally last year. Nationally, marines and volunteers distributed more than 13.8 million toys to about 5.9 million needy children.

For more information, call Don Moss, 563-1080. For more information on the Virginia Beach Monster Fire Truck, visit the web site at www.monsterfiretruck.com.

Boat ramp plans at Lynnhaven get thumps up

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those with a Virginia Beach decal. After 5 p.m. a \$1 parking fee will be charged to those with a Virginia Beach city decal.

Hensley said the positive cash flow will offset operating expenditures and build a reserve account for long-term maintenance and operation. Hensley said the city wants to be sure the facility remains a first class, clean facility.

Hensley said staff wanted to be fair to friends in the private sector

and suggested comparable fees. Cobb's Marine charges \$10; Bubba's Marine charges \$10, \$12 or \$15 depending on boat size and Seashore/First Landing State Park charges \$9 in the peak season.

The operations plan is expected to be developed by March 1, 2001. The facility will be open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year — although whether staff or automated systems or a combination will be used to police the facility has yet to be decided. Hensley said she is working with the police department to establish a sub-station on

the property.

Rental of personal watercraft will be prohibited. Parks and recreation operates two municipal boat ramps, one at Munden Point District Park and one at Owl Creek next to the Virginia Marine Science Museum and the Lynnhaven Municipal Marina located in the Lynnhaven Inlet.

Hensley said that a projection of \$96,000 in fees is very preliminary and the staff will have to look at how fees will be collected. She said that the facility is not designed for a large vending area which would be essential for privatization.

Frankenfield said that they are saving all the live oaks on the property. With the stacking area, he said, the boats will not have to be launched right into navigable water.

Councilwoman Reba McClanahan said she just wanted to understand that projected revenues will cover the cost of operation and maintenance. She said that a number of people have raised the issue of privatization to her.

Hensley said she will return in March with the full operational plan.

Councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. said that people want the facility built. Council is not bound by the suggested fees, he said, and the city still doesn't have a good handle on how many will park there. Even now, some think that parking for 88 boats is not enough, he said.

Henry Billups said that he did not own a 25- or 30-foot boat and just liked to walk the beaches.

"What happens to people like myself?" he asked.

He said that with the admission charge, the city is taking land that's been free for years.

Councilwoman Nancy Parker said that she did not want it to appear that the city was putting the private enterprises out of business.

Harrison said that boat ramps are not a profitable operation. That's why ramps have closed down. The concern is that access is diminishing.

"This is a government service that should be offered," Harrison said.

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Mini railroad exhibited at Station 10

By Bob Ruesgesser
Correspondent

Hometown hero Rudy Boesch, Virginia Beach's contestant in the television *Survivor* series, deftly flipped the switch that activated a miniature railroad engine.

The little world is a holiday season exhibit at the Virginia Beach Fire Department Station 10 on Providence Road.

The mammoth model railroad, the seventh annual exhibit by the Tidewater Big Train Operators Club, covers more than 2,000 square feet of space inside one of the fire station's bays. Utilizing 5,000 feet of track and 200 railroad cars, the model layout features a fascinating array of little villages and rural landscapes. A miniature circus — complete with elephants, animal cages, and carnival rides — is also included as part of the impressive display.

Connoisseurs of model railroading consider their avocation an art form. In their minds, fabricating scenery, dioramas, architectural and topographical models with streets, valleys, and mountains rivals the finest work on canvas.

Capt. Dennis Keane and Master Firefighter Keene Black, both model railroading enthusiasts, pro-

posed the exhibition as a way of promoting fire safety during the holiday season when flammable decorations and faulty electrical wiring on tree lights add to the risk of household fires.

"It is important this time of year to remind the community that fire safety is an important aspect of everybody's daily living," Capt. Keane said. "We want to raise public awareness that even during the holiday season fire can be a very unforgiving environment. We hope visiting the fire station will have that impact."

Keith Arnold, fire and life safety specialist, and Sparky were on hand doing what they could to encourage fire safety.

"We're talking to children and asking when they — or their parents — have checked their smoke detectors," Arnold said. "We're just reminding them. This time of year people often forget to check their smoke alarms."

Over the years, interest in the model train exhibit has continued to develop. Capt. Keane estimates that thousands of local citizens from Virginia Beach and Chesapeake visit Fire Station 10 to enjoy the model railroad display. "In the seven years, we've seen lit-



Rudy Boesch

tle guys — who are now in their teens — are continuing to come back," said Keane. "The reception has been very good — at least in the local community that we serve."

Marshall Morrison, a member of the Tidewater Big Train Operators Club, has furnished the majority of circus portion of the exhibit which features elephants on parade, prancing horses, caged animals, circus tents, and every type of circus wagon imaginable. Morrison has had a serious adult interest in model railroading for about twelve

years, but he traces his initial fascination back to his childhood. "It's fun for me," Morrison chuckled. "I love watching the sparkle in the eyes of kids, and the excitement that they generate when they come and look at it."

"It's just kind of like a dream world all set up."

Many folks in Virginia Beach — especially in Kempsville — make the holiday train exhibit an annual family outing.

Brian Bias has made it a point over the past couple of years to see the exhibit on opening day.

"I think that the fact that everything works and all the trains run around is impressive," Bias said. "Very nice."

"I think it's great," said Cary Culver. "They did it last year, and I came down to look at it, and I came down for it this year," he said.

"I just like the way it looks. I think it's fascinating." Jim Beane and his family have been coming to the exhibit for years.

"They change it every year. Basically, I guess, it's the same theme, but they change how things are set up so that it's not the same exact thing every year," Beane said.

Students sought for ACT-SO

By Bobbie Whitehead
Editor

Bianca Hicks typically spends her time gently ping-pong melodies on the bottom of a 55-gallon oil drum.

The metal instrument, made by her instructor with the Portsmouth Urban Arts Center, features tiny holes poked about the concave bottom.

"Little holes in the drum make the sounds sharper," says Hick, a Christopher Newport University freshman.

As she stroked the drum, sounds similar to the pings of a xylophone erupted.

A Norfolk resident, Hicks is among the many Hampton Roads students of African-American descent who've participated in the Area II National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's annual Olympics.

The 18-year-old drummer represented Hampton Roads at the national convention of the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics this year.

Once again the Area II NAACP has begun its search for next year's competition.

The actual event, dubbed the Area II ACT-SO, won't take place until April 7.

But to assure that all African-American students get the chance to compete, the NAACP will hold an information workshop Saturday.

The workshop for the 14th annual local event will be held all day in the Greenbrier Public Library at 1214 Volvo Pkwy.

"The students who are in athletics are always getting attention," said Joyce Powell, Area II ACT-SO program chair. "We want to let people know that African-American students excel in areas other than athletics."

Some students, she said, interested in, for example, technology, physics or music may not "fit in" with others in their peer group because of their interests.

That's where ACT-SO steps in.

"Just to get the students there, so they can see other students doing what they are doing, helps them realize they're not the oddballs," Powell said. "It's great for them to be in the presence of students who think like they do."

Each branch of the NAACP holds a local competition. Whoever scores the most points from the judges in the local competitions then goes to the



PERFORMANCE AT THE CONVENTION. Bianca Hicks plays the steel pan drum. —Contributed Photo

national convention, which will be held in New Orleans next year.

"We don't give out any prizes," Powell said. "The prize is the trip."

Those attending the national convention also get scholarship money, prizes and job offers once they participate in that competition.

Hicks knows the importance of competitions like ACT-SO.

Since performing at the national convention this year, the steel pan drummer has an engagement list that keeps her busy.

"You actually get to see the talents and skills of other

young," said Hicks, who plays with One Love Steel Band. "It's so many people there who have the same skills you do."

"They had architecture and science projects. Many of the projects were of things I had never seen before or imagined."

For Denise Willey, Hick's mother, the wide range of categories in the ACT-SO competition enables everyone to demonstrate his or her talents.

"It was really encouraging," Willey said. "These are children who one day will be noticed."

For more information on the ACT-SO workshop, call 627-1096.

Flood plans proposed

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the safety of the people, and the second for the safety of their houses.

Since raising the level of the subdivision would necessitate the removal of trees and shrubs, councilman Linwood Branch III noted that the new standards would be in conflict with another city goal — to protect trees.

Councilwoman Reba McClanahan said, "You're not going to get my vote," and referred to a drainage project in the Princess Anne Plaza area where all the trees were torn out.

She said that she understood that part of the reason for shrubs and trees was to drain water. She said she had received complaints about all the shrubbery being taken.

"If we do it the way to have to we'll be back the way we were," McClanahan said. "I can't justify this. This is very expensive."

She added that her neighbors have not complained because they do not have the same degree of flooding that they had before.

Block said that he was conscious of the competing objectives and that the staff had a lot of work to do.

"It will cost someone more money for higher standards," Block said.

What's required he said, is a balancing act that involves standards and maintenance.

"I don't want to tear up trees; I don't want to make neighborhoods unattractive," he said. "We face a challenge."

Councilman Louis R. Jones wanted to know how much land is below the 100-foot flood plane and that if a major portion did not remain, why can't the city just say it can't be developed.

Even at present, City Manager James K. Spore said, development in the floodplain is not permitted except with a variance.

Johnson said that since there are more back to back storms, the waters run off the ground into the storm systems. He said that the rougher the vegetation on the canal slopes, the less water goes into the canal.

Johnson said that good drainage depends on sufficient elevation of the land and a properly designed system.

The changes are needed according to the review of drainage standards. Johnson said, because of the neighborhood flooding during the hurricane season of 1999 and significant coastal storms and northeasters.

Current Virginia Beach standards, Johnson said, meet or exceed those in Chesapeake, Norfolk, Hampton, Newport News, Portsmouth, Wilmington, N.C. and Savannah, Ga.

Johnson said that an overgrown ditch has only one-third its clean capacity and low ditch velocities result in increased sediment deposition.

Block said his staff has instructions to create a minimum impact on trees but the cost will be higher. Some vegetation is needed to retain water quality.

Under the proposed standards the developer who is on the fringes of the floodplain, will have to run calculations so that the streets will be higher than the floodplain.

LEGAL NOTICES

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

MCKENZIE CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, a Virginia corporation, Complainant, v. VALLEY BLOX, INC., a Virginia corporation, D/B/A AMERICAST

SERVE: M.E. Gibson, Jr., Registered Agent, 105-109 E. High Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902 DIAMOND EQUIPMENT CONTRACTING CORP., a Virginia corporation

SERVE: John E. Moorefield, Jr., Registered Agent, 3023 Bray Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

TARMAC AMERICA, INC., a Delaware corporation

SERVE: Commonwealth Legal Services Corp., Registered Agent, 4701 Cox Road, Suite 301, Glen Allen, VA 23060

HANSON PIPE & PRODUCTS, INC., a Virginia corporation

SERVE: Commonwealth Legal Services Corp., Registered Agent, 4701 Cox Road, Suite 301, Glen Allen, VA 23060

HUGHES SUPPLY, INC., a Florida corporation

SERVE: Beverley L. Crump, Registered Agent, 11 South 12th Street, Richmond, VA 23219

CONTRACTORS PAVING COMPANY INCORPORATED, a Virginia corporation

SERVE: Alan M. Frieden, Registered Agent, 1435 Crossways Blvd., Suite 200, Chesapeake, VA 23320

FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, an Indiana corporation

SERVE: Steven C. McCallum, 1 James Center, Richmond, VA 23219

ATLANTIC CONCRETE CONTRACTORS, INC., a Virginia corporation

SERVE: E. Leslie Cox, 101 N. Lynnhaven Road, Suite 105, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY, a New Jersey corporation

SERVE: Beverly L. Crump, Registered Agent, 11 South 12th Street, Richmond, VA 23219

PARTIES UNKNOWN, who performed work or provided materials of, by, for, or to Atlantic Concrete Contractors, Inc. on the construction project known as "Lynnhaven Mall Parking Deck" in Virginia Beach, Virginia, prior to termination of Atlantic Concrete Contractors, Inc. from the project, and who claim to be owed monies not yet received for said work and/or materials, and/or who claim to be owed money, now or in the future, as a result of, or for any reason related to, that subcontract entered into between McKenzie Construction Corporation and Atlantic Concrete Contractors, Inc. on or about April 9, 2000 regarding the "Lynnhaven Mall Parking Deck" project. Respondents.

In Chancery: CH00-3607

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above-styled Bill of Interpleader is to determine which parties are or will be entitled to various funds possibly owed, now or in the future, by McKenzie Construction Corporation for the performance of work and/or provision of materials of, by, for, or to Atlantic Concrete Contractors, Inc. on the construction project known as "Lynnhaven Mall Parking Deck" in Virginia Beach prior to the termination of Atlantic Concrete Contractors, Inc. from work on said project.

And, it appearing by affidavit filed according to law that there are set out in the Bill of Interpleader in this matter certain persons as defendants by the general description of "parties unknown," which persons, if any, are deemed interested in the subject to be divided or disposed of by the Bill, it is therefore ORDERED that any said interested person appear on or before the 5th day of January, 2001 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach and do what is necessary to protect his interests.

And, it is further ORDERED that this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach; and that a copy of this order be posted on the front door of the Courthouse wherein this Court is held.

ENTERED This 14th day of November, 2000

J. Curtis Frick, Clerk

By: Valerie B. Hailzlip, Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF TIME SHARE ESTATES AT FOUR SAILS RESORT VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

In execution of deeds from the Grantors described below (the "Deeds of Trust"), each of which were recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia (the "Clerk's Office"), at the Deed Book and Page numbers described below, default having been made in the payment of the respective debts secured, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at One Columbus Center, Suite 1100, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23462-6765, on December 11, 2000 at 9:30 a.m., the Time-Share Estates listed below, located at Four Sails Resort, 3301 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia, and more particularly described in the Deeds of Trust listed below.

GRANTORS: Jerome W. Clarke, Staci D. Clarke; TIME-SHARE ESTATE NO.: 804/43; DATED: November 30, 1998; DEED OF TRUST BOOK/PAGE: 4049/1812.

James E. Diggs, Jr., Michelle Diggs; 302/41; July 22, 1993; 3323/2084.

Joseph G. Spenzler, Pamela M. Spenzler; 305/17; August 14, 1998; 3949/412.

Tyrone A. Bryant, Janet P. Bryant; PH1/52; January 15, 1998; 3872/864.

Robert S. King, Jaime L. King; 905/04; September 14, 1992; 3181/1043.

Wilbert R. Reid; 601/28/2; April 28, 1992; 3129/446.

The sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate including the Project and Time-Share Instrument for Four Sails Resort, dated August 9, 1988, recorded in the Clerk's Office in Deed Book 2762, page 1291, as amended and restated.

Terms: Cash. Settlement within 10 days of sale. A bidder's deposit not to exceed \$100.00 may be required.

Wilson L. Rivers — Joseph R. Mayes Trustees

For Information Contact: Wilson L. Rivers Joseph R. Mayes

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH on the 30th day of November, 2000

Re: Estate of Leigh P. Forbes, deceased

Probate No. 98-491 Chancery No. CH00-3859

SHOW CAUSE ORDER

It appearing that a report of the accounts of BB&T, Executor of the Estate of Leigh P. Forbes, deceased, and of the debts and demands against his estate has been filed in the Clerk's Office, and that six (6) months have elapsed since the qualification, on motion of BB&T, Executor, IT IS ORDERED that the creditors of, and all others interested in, the Estate do show cause, if any they can, on the 5th day of January, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, before this Court at its courtroom, against the payment and delivery of the Estate of Leigh P. Forbes, deceased, to the residuary beneficiaries without requiring refunding bonds.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Show Cause Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Certified to be a TRUE COPY of record in my custody, J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK, Circuit Court, Virginia Beach, VA

By: Patti K. Bennett, Deputy Clerk

H. Thomas Padrick, Jr., Judge Lewis W. Webb, III, p.q.

Lewis W. Webb, III, Esq. Kaufman & Canoles, P.C. P.O. Box 3037 Norfolk, VA 23514-3037

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Teacher leads in Special Ed

By Jason Norman
Correspondent

Val Wesseldine has developed virtually her entire career to special education teaching.

"I've been involved with special education since high school," she remembers. "I did some volunteer work, helping mentally retarded children. At college, I worked in a perception motor class, which helped children with swimming, trampoline jumping, and other motor skills. When I got out of school, I taught recreation in special education, to children between two and 22."

Two years ago, Wesseldine continued her career at the Special Education Annex on Laskin Road. Before this, she says, "I taught children with disabilities in a classroom before, but now I go to their homes, and to private preschools. Right now, I go to about 12 children."

"Most of them are really excited to see me," she smiles. "They say, 'Ms. Val is here, Ms. Val is here!'" Wesseldine's students aren't the only ones who appreciate her. The early childhood special education teacher was recently voted by her peers as "2002 Teacher of the Year" (the award is given so far in advance to make time for the process of naming teacher of the city, region, and country).

"I was excited to win," Wesseldine says. "It's nice to know that your peers think you're doing a great job, and that they know you really care about what you're doing."

These peers indeed spoke highly of her abilities. "Val is very vivacious, she always works that extra mile to help her students, and gets the parents involved," said fellow teacher Katrina Hutsko. "She often sits down and brainstorm ideas with the staff. If she's having problems teaching children, she comes to us for ideas, and she's very open-minded about listening to them."

Val and I came here at about the same time, and we've worked together for the entire time," said occupational therapist Alison White. "She is a very creative and organized teacher. She finds creative ways to address educational goals. She definitely takes advice from



TEACHER OF THE YEAR. Val Wesseldine was named special education teacher of the year at the Special Education Annex on Laskin Road. —Photo by Jason Norman

other therapists, and incorporates them into what she teaches the child. She's also taught me a lot about a child's learning process."

Wesseldine taught in a classroom for nearly two decades. But she wasn't quite satisfied. "I was interested in diversifying my work, and going to homes gives me more interaction with parents and other teachers. With this, you can make more of an impact on the children." Wesseldine explained more about the testing for mental handicaps in children. "When we test children for disabilities, we look for a significant delay in a certain area. If they have more than a 25% delay in gross motor skills (jumping, running, balancing), fine motor skills (stacking blocks, stringing beads, doing puzzles), language, or self-help based on their chronological age, then they're eligible to receive services."

We help the children get to the developmental age that they'll be ready to enter kindergarten. We use a lot of hands-on, naturalistic teaching. If you watch what they're doing and follow their lead, a lot of times you get them the skills that you would like them to have."

But Wesseldine's teaching ability doesn't just help in school; to an extent, she brings it to her home. "My son is 11, and he has a learning disability with reading," she explains. "Visually, he understands everything that is told to him, but he has trouble reading."

For example, say that they were

having trouble learning their colors. If you see them playing in a kitchen setting, and they pick up a red pot, you can say, "Oh, I like the way you have the red pot." Then later on, you can say, "Could you give me the red pot?" They'll look for it, and it helps them remember. Matching helps them to learn more than just drilling."

Her job as a "home-schooling" special education teacher is unpredictable, to say the least. "How much I see a child depends on how much time we feel is necessary at the time," she explains. "For example, I may see one twice a week for 30 minutes, or I may see another two or three times a week for two or three hours. It all depends on the child. I try to help them with things that they would normally do at home."

"These children have to have a solid foundation. They need to be able to write, to be able to read, to be able to use descriptive words. At an early age, we're trying to lay that foundation."

So what makes special education teaching so attractive to the teacher?

"I just think that we as people have the opportunity to help disabled children achieve and be successful, to give them credibility to function in every classroom," she says. "It's overwhelming to see a child you helped make it in school. You really get the feeling that you've really done what you set out to do."

SCHOOL BRIEFS

■ Creeds Elementary Schools' fourth grade students are having "The Night Before Christmas" pajama party Dec. 14. The students will have a day long read-in reading their favorite holiday stories. The activities will culminate with a reading of the book, *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*.

■ Creeds Elementary is proud to announce its Teacher of the Year. Dixie Lehman was chosen by the faculty to receive this honor. Lehman has been with the Virginia Beach City Public School division for 17 years. She was a classroom teacher for six of the years working in the high school, middle school, and then teaching kindergarten and third grade in the elementary school. She has been a counselor at Creeds for the last eleven years during which time she has made herself an asset to students, parents, faculty and staff.

■ Creeds Elementary School students will be receiving informal progress report for the second nine weeks Dec. 13.

Only those students that are struggling will receive a progress report as stated in the Grading and Reporting Student Progress handbook.

■ Creeds Elementary School SCA is sponsoring two angels from the Christmas Angel Tree this year. In order to raise money, the faculty and staff have been asked to sing carols over the intercom during the week of Dec. 11-14.

The students donate money based on their favorite performances both solos and choral. The students will then go shopping together to purchase special items for their special angels.

■ Creeds Elementary School's first grade students are participating in the Olympics.

Each month during this school year the top readers in each class will be presented with a gold, silver, and bronze button to acknowledge them as the top readers of the month. The November winners were: Crystal Jones, Ryan Dudley, Igor Moshkin, Geoffrey Scuemeller, Dillon Tarvin, John Newman, and Mary Shipp.

■ Creeds Elementary School will have its annual Holiday PTA Program on Dec. 19.

"Voices of Expression" and the strings will be entertaining both young and old alike with Sounds of the Holidays.

■ The Windsor Oaks Elementary School PTA presents Supply With Santa on Friday, Dec. 8 from 6 until 9 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The cost is \$2.50 per person and includes a 6 inch sub sandwich, chips, and a drink.

There will be crafts for the children, a holiday bake sale, and the special Santa Store where the kids can shop. Children can have their picture taken with Santa.

■ One hundred and thirty six students in grades 1-5 at Windsor Oaks Elementary School belong to the Rainbow Club.

Students become members of this club when they earn an "O" in citizenship/social development on their report card and nothing below an "S" on behavior in art, music, or physical education. Each of these students is given an ice cream treat as a reward.

■ Five students at Windsor Oaks are on the Principal's List. These students earned all "As" on their report card.

The students are: Megan Wilmer, Amber Gray, Michael Hebb, Daryl Woodmore, and Emory Diggs.

■ Carolyn Powell, ICT teacher at Kempville High School has been named the 2000 ACTE National Trade and Industrial Education "Outstanding Teacher" Award. ACTE (Association of Career and Technical Education) named Carolyn the national winner last week. When interviewed, Powell said, "Yes, I am amazed."

Powell will fly from Virginia Beach to California where she will receive her award on Thursday, Dec. 7 in the San Diego Convention Center on the waterfront at 1:15 p.m.

■ Kempville Middle School's Chorus will present their Holiday Chorus Concert Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. Parents and students are invited to attend. Call Sue Smith, Chorus Teacher, 474-8444 or Carol Rich, Media Liaison, 474-8444 for more information.

■ Kempville Middle School PTA Meeting and Orchestra Concert will be Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. All KMS parents and students are encouraged to attend. Call Diane Taylor, Orchestra Director, 474-8444 or Carol Rich, Media Liaison, 474-8444 for more information.

■ Arrowhead Elementary School will hold the annual holiday program on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. A dress rehearsal will be held at 8:30 a.m. for the entire school. The program titled, "Once on a Housetop," is a musical play about chimney sweeps viewing the holiday customs of the houses they visit.

The Burger King on Newtown Road in Arrowhead Plaza will be hosting a Cashola Night on Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. A portion of the sales will be donated to the school.

The Planning Council of Arrowhead Elementary School will be meeting on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. in

the school's Library Media Center.

The fifth grade students will be attending a performance by the Virginia Ballet Theatre of "The Nutcracker" Dec. 7 at 9:15 a.m. at Chrysler Hall.

■ Beach Middle is proud to announce the 2000-2001 Girl's Basketball Team including Whitney Schieble, Liza Woodward, Peyton Tala, Cori Shea, Janai Smith, Shaquoa Richardson, Alicia Williams, Britany Neilson, Wesley Drew, Britt Gerloff, Jackie Duvall, Jordie Moore, Dominique Wiggins, and Felisha Thurman.

Beach Middle is also proud to announce the 2000-2001 Boy's Basketball Team including Matt Lowe, Reid Killen, Demario Hutcherson, Joe Baptiste, Antwan Gay, Marquis Jones, Matt Henley, Jimmy Jones, Ryan Arcese, Jesse Bradshaw, CJ Gordon, Thomas Miles, and Walter Howell.

■ Virginia Beach Middle School is proud to announce that 34 percent of the students made honor role for the first nine-week grading period. In addition, the following students made the Principal's List. The sixth grade students are: Stephanie Bair, Cameron Browne, Samantha Heptinstall, Daniel Lake, and Ryan Rinscy. The seventh grade students are: Philip Bailey, Jacquelyn Duvall, Alex Hardee, Cory Mills, Wesley Pearce, Emily Sekulic, and Eliza Woodward. The eighth grade students are: Joseph Arcese, Aliyah Barnes, Joseph Crandley, Lauren Everett, Matthew Henley, Charlotte Howell, Walter Howell, Emily Ludwig, and Dean Martin.

■ Red Mill Elementary School's Teacher of the Year is Miss Ann Fogel, a first grade teacher.

■ Red Mill Elementary School PTA is collecting for "Spirit of Giving." This is the 12th year that the Red Mill Elementary School PTA has been involved with this very special project.

Donations will be accepted Dec. 4-15 and will be delivered to several families in the Red Mill community.

■ Red Mill Elementary School PTA Meeting/Chorus and Band Holiday Program will be held Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7:15 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

After a brief PTA meeting the Red Mill Elementary School Chorus and Band will perform holiday songs. Contact Dawn Miller, PTA President or Mrs. Larkin, Chorus/Band Leader for more information.

■ Red Mill Elementary School Chorus and Band will perform holiday songs at Lynnhaven Mall on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 10:50 a.m. Contact Mrs. Larkin, Chorus/Band Leader for more information.

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ODU takes World Quest 2000

By Jim DeAngelo
Correspondent

They may not have conquered the world, but a team from Old Dominion University does have reason to brag.

They are champions of World Quest 2000, a derivative of quiz games like "Trivial Pursuit," "Jeopardy," and "Who wants to be a Millionaire?"

Sponsored by the World Affairs Council (WAC) of Greater Hampton Roads, World Quest 2000 held at ODU's Web Center, showed the eight-member host team besting 22 groups, including squads from Christopher Newport University, William and Mary, The Virginia-Pilot and Hampton University in winning the contest, which tested everyone's "global IQ."

The event also featured a "Silent Auction" and was held as a WAC fundraiser.

"World Quest 2000 was a huge success," said Maria Zammit, event co-organizer and WAC vice president. "We had some spirited competition for our inau-

gural event, the "Silent Auction" featured some great gifts and, as a result, we were able to raise money for our student outreach programs."

The WAC subsidizes students at each of their events, allowing tomorrow's leaders an opportunity to meet visiting influential representatives of governments and international organizations and participate in discussions of important topics like global health, the Korean Peninsula and the World Bank.

This encouraged dialog and analysis of current events and fosters a greater awareness of and interest in matters of international relations, foreign policy and diplomacy.

"It is important that the council be able to offer these brilliant young students the chance to take part in our discussions and hear what these influential world leaders have to say," explained Ray Taylor, a retired Navy Rear Admiral and WAC president.

"We are hosting the future leaders of Hampton Roads at our

monthly meetings, men and women who will soon be forced to perform on a global stage, dealing with customers and colleagues from around the world."

"Consequently, it is imperative that they develop an international perspective and think and act accordingly."

British Adm. Sir James Perowne, KBE and NATO Deputy Supreme Allied Commander/Atlantic, emceed World Quest 2000. With wit, Perowne filled the evening with humor and learning. Organizers say the event's success demands a sequel; they are already planning World Quest 2001.

"We are analyzing lessons learned right now and considering some suggested improvements," Zammit said. "For example, in an effort to attract more teams from the business sector, we are considering more economic questions, as well as separate winning categories for both high-school and college teams."

"Until then, ODU retains World Quest bragging rights."

Jones gets assignment

Staff Sergeant Willie C. Jones III has recently been assigned to the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Everett, Wash. He is responsible for recruiting in the Mariner High School area.

He is a 1992 graduate of Salem High School in Virginia Beach and is the son of O.D. and Shelia R. Hale of Chesapeake. Jones and his wife Mita S. Jones, live in Everett, Wash. with their son Willie C. Jones IV.

Jones has been in the Army for seven years with other assignments as a medical specialist with the Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry at

Fort Wainwright, Alaska; Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry at Fort Hood, Texas and with MEDDAC at Fort Lee.

Choir performs

Salem High School's madrigal choir will be performing in the White House on Friday, Dec. 15 at 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. for invited guests.

Contact Salem High School Madrigal Choir director, Don Kupper, 474-8755.



When President Harding died, Calvin Coolidge became president. The oath of office was administered in the middle of that night by his father, a notary public.

News in Brief

ARE lectures

The Association for Research and Enlightenment, Inc., announces its schedule of free lectures through Dec. 16:

- Thursday, Dec. 14 - "Learning Your Soul's Purpose," by Nancy Eubel.
- Friday, Dec. 15 - Closed for the afternoon.
- Saturday, Dec. 16 - "Mind Is the Builder," by Doug Hough.

All lectures are held at 3:30 p.m. at the ARE Visitor Center, 6700 Atlantic Avenue, Call 428-3588, ext. 7265 for more information.

Drama Team

The Drama Team for Christ would like to invite all to "Sorrow - The Transformation."

The show will be held Dec. 15-17 at 7:30 p.m. and at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Dinner begins at 6 p.m.

For details and reservations call 424-4848 and ask for Ed Harris at Hope Lutheran Church at 5350 Providence Road.

Performing will be Richard Strosahl of Chesapeake, an area composer.

Christmas party

The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 20 will host a Christmas party at the V.A. Medical Center, Building 83 in Hampton at 2 p.m., Sunday. All members of DAV 20 are invited to lunch at noon and to help pack fruit baskets at 1 p.m. For more information, call 481-1259.

The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 20 and the Ladies Auxiliary will have its Christmas party on Saturday at the Bamboo Hut located in Ames Plaza (one block West of Beach Ford on Virginia Beach Blvd.).

Social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

All members of DAV 20 are cordially invited. For more information call 481-1259.

Pizza and ice cream

Creeds Elementary School invites everyone to join them Dec. 18 from 5 to 8 p.m. for pizza and ice cream at Pungo Pizza, 1776 Princess Anne Road.

Bobby the Clown will be there from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to entertain the kids, or they can go to the large game room for kids of all ages. By letting them know when you pay that you are from Creeds Elementary, the school will receive a 10 percent donation of the total sales for the evening.

Basketball camp

The Paul Webb Holiday Basketball Camp will be held Dec. 26-29 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Great Neck, Kempsville and Princess Anne community recreation centers. Cost is \$80 and is open to boys and girls in grades one through eight. To register call 464-4561.

Registration held

Registrations are being taken for the Women's Winter Conference to be held at Virginia Beach United Methodist Church, 19th Street and Pacific Avenue, Jan. 19-20.

Janice Chaffee of Nashville, widely known in the gospel music industry, will be the guest speaker.

The conference will also include an introduction to "Breaking Free," a winter Bible study for women and "Rainbow Connection," an event for children of conference attendees.

For fees, registration and further information, call 428-7727 or 481-4828.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross has a critical need for Drivers to transport blood from bloodmobiles.

Bloodmobile Greeters and Canteen workers are needed to staff local bloodmobiles.

Orientation will be held Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. Call Grace or Shirley at 446-7775 to sign up.

Volunteers sought

The Citizens' Committee to Protect the Elderly is a private, non-profit organization composed of concerned citizens. Services and activities are implemented by dedicated volunteers throughout Hampton Roads. Our volunteers supplement your ability to visit your loved one at a nursing home or assisted living facility, providing companionship for them and reassurance for you. If you would like someone to visit a loved one contact us. We also visit nursing home residents who are without nearby relatives or regular visitors.

If you have a special sensitivity for the elderly and wish to become a volunteer visitor or participate in community service projects in long-term care facilities, or if you are a professional nurse and wish to participate in our Information and Guidance Program call 498-8600, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Volunteer training is offered each month.



BUILDING A BONNEY ROAD COMPLEX. Branwick Associates Inc. plans to develop a \$9 million, upscale business complex as shown.

City to sell its Bonney Road land

Branwick Associates Inc. to build \$9 million 'Class A' office complex

By Lee Cahill

City Council Reporter

Property on Bonney Road purchased by the city in 1996 for \$5.7 million will be sold to private interests for \$1.2 million.

City Council Tuesday approved an ordinance declaring the property excess and authorizing the city manager or his designee to enter into an agreement of sale for the property with Branwick Associates Inc.

The Department of Economic Development which has been working since August 1999 to market the property, 11,907 acres where a former Days Inn Hotel and former Unclaimed Freight Building are located, has decided that a privately developed office building offers the best economic return in terms of city tax revenues and quality, high-paying jobs.

The sale was approved unanimously by council after a presentation by the purchasers.

Branwick Associates, Inc., is a newly-formed consulting

firm headed by Bob Smithwick, a former director of the Industrial Development Authority and the Department of Economic Development in Norfolk, and a senior officer at Texaco for more than 30 years.

John Brogan, Stanwick's other principal, a former Central Fidelity Bank vice president, is a partner in a multi-unit restaurant franchise operation in Hampton Roads and has more than 10 years experience in private sector commercial and real estate lending.

According to the economic development staff, the estimated real estate tax revenue for the improved site is approximately \$97,600 a year, increasing at a rate of two to three percent a year. The personal property tax revenue to the city is estimated at \$27,000 a year.

Branwick plans to make a \$9 million capital investment in a 60,000- to 80,000-square-foot multi-story, class A office building on the site.

The property was purchased at the request of the Community Services Board which wanted to combine

all its services in one location. An additional \$6.3 million was to be spent to renovate the hotel.

Beach officials, however, learned six months later from engineers that the renovation cost would be \$5 million more than estimated by the board's executive director Dennis I. Wool. He had based the costs on an incomplete report. Wool soon resigned.

The city received eight proposals for the sale of the property last September and determined only two of the proposals were for office buildings.

In addition to the office building, plans call for a recreation center and jogging trail. Smithwick said that corporate owners are trying to offer some type of amenities to their employees.

Councilwoman Nancy Parker was interested in the salaries for the jobs that would be created.

Smithwick said that they would be \$35,000 and up

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Reading Bus tours neighborhoods

By Bobbie Whitehead

Editor

Bean bag chairs, sand tables, hand puppets, puzzles and a whole lot of books line a revamped bus turned into a traveling library for preschoolers.

This Reading Bus, as it's called, serves as an early intervention tool that the Virginia Beach City Public Schools designed to encourage 2-to 5-year-olds to read.

Educators designed the interior of the bus to look like a playroom filled with cozy chairs, play tables, books and games in bright colors—all to attract the attention and interest of children before they're old enough to start elementary school.

"We wanted to expose the students to a variety of literature," said Loneta Clement, Virginia Beach elementary instruction services director. "Each month the theme of the books will change, which means all stories and games will be related to that theme."

Teachers also wanted to expose students to a variety of genres, or literature forms, such as poetry or short stories.

"Every book, poem and nursery rhyme on the Reading Bus has an associated activity designed to make reading a fun and stimulating activity," said Nancy Soscia, public information officer. "Children and their parents will participate in a variety of hands-on activities using puppets, blocks, puzzles and music."

School officials encourage parents to step on board the Reading Bus and spend time with their children, who'll be exposed to exercises teaching them basic reading skills.

Two retired Virginia Beach school teachers will coordinate and train volunteers working with the preschoolers who visit the reading bus.

To make the atmosphere unique and appealing to the students, an Ocean Lakes High School art teacher and

two art students painted the interior with a blue sky and clouds.

"We broached the idea of the reading bus in February, and we worked and worked," Clement said. "It finally came together in the last two weeks."

Since then, school officials have spent more than \$20,000 renovating the bus.

All city schools received fliers about the special bus, so that they can distribute them throughout the communities they serve, Clement said.

The Reading Bus will make its debut Thursday at 9 a.m. in Sandpiper Crescent of the Little Creek Navy Housing.

It won't, however, begin making official stops until Jan. 9. At this time, the library for tots will make rounds to various neighborhoods Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

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Hotels seek engineers

By Lee Cahill

City Council Reporter

Hotel and motel owners in Virginia Beach who have parking garages to remedy any faulty structures, City Attorney Leslie Lilley told City Council at a workshop Tuesday.

Using the emergency procurement process, the city employed the firm of Desman Associates of Vienna to conduct assessments of 27 open parking structures in the city to identify open and obvious safety hazards. The cost was \$75,000. Council Tuesday approved the transfer of the funds from the reserve for contingencies to the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation.

The inspections were conducted following the accident at the Sandcastle

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Little family honored as a top Navy couple

By Jason Norman

Correspondent

It would be difficult to find a couple displaying more care and concern toward their community than Karl and Sherry Little.

The collective resume of the Virginia Beach couple includes Clean the Bay Day, Paint Your Heart Out and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event.

On Dec. 1, the couple received the most recent in a long line of community service awards; they were awarded the Five Star Military Family Award for the U. S. Navy from the Hampton Roads Armed Services YMCA.

"Right now, my duties are assigning exercises, working with battle groups, things like that," explains Karl, a chief operations specialist at DESRON 2 in Norfolk, onboard the USS Porter.

"I didn't really expect to get the award," Sherry agrees. "I didn't know anyone who had won it in the past. I felt good about it, but the most important part was

that Sherry and I both got recognized."

"I was surprised when we got this award," Sherry agrees. "I didn't know how big this award really was until the banquet." The couple was honored at a luncheon at the Founder's Inn.

Again, the Littles have received several community service awards in the past. Karl was named the 1988 Military Citizen of the Year for his work and the Area Two Special Olympics Volunteer of the Year for 2000, and the couple won the Daily Point of Light Award.

Not in the military herself, Sherry's employment is unusual, to say the least. "I work in engraving," she explains, smiling. "It's something I've done for two years. It's just fun, personalizing so many things."

Perhaps no single event proves Littles' devotion to Special Olympics than his participation in the Polar Plunge, an annual event in which pledges take a dip in the ocean during the slightly chilly month of February.

"That was cold!" he remembers with a

grin.

"I didn't jump in, though," Sherry adds, laughing. "I basically stood on the shore, clapping, taking pictures and saying, 'I love you!'"

Another event in which the couple participates in the Day of Caring, an annual November event sponsored by the United Way. Volunteers from across the Hampton Roads area (from such business as banks, gas stations and roofing companies) come together to provide various services as painting and landscaping to several who are in need.

"The Day of Caring really brings the community together," explains Karl. "It helps them see just how much help their donations give."

It was this event that helped inspire perhaps the couple's greatest individual service; in 2000 alone, they have constructed over a dozen wheelchair ramps to those who could not afford them.

"We were at a Day of Caring event,"



FAMILY TIES. Karl and Sherry Little show their award. —Photo Jason Norman

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Commentary

Fighting underage drinking

Over the next few weeks, America's distillers and retailers will place up numerous advertisements aimed at deterring the purchase of alcoholic beverages by underage consumers.

Prompted by The Century Council, a national not-for-profit organization funded by these distillers, the goal of this "pop culture" campaign is to fight underage drinking during the upcoming holidays.

Their strategy includes using colorful advertisements following themes, like Michael Jackson's Moonwalk, and others from movies, music and trends of the 1980s.

The Century Council cites statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that shows 2,750 people under age 21 died in alcohol-related traffic fatalities in 1999. This increased by 20 people compared to the under 21 alcohol-related deaths in 1998.

With the recent death of a 19-year-old Old Dominion University student, who consumed large quantities of alcohol at a local pub and later at his fraternity house, the campaign serves to support action under way by university officials who are increasing alcohol abuse education on campus, as well as conducting checks at establishments to see if they sell alcohol to underage drinkers.

Local leaders Chesapeake Vice Mayor John Cosgrove; Chief Richard A. Justice of the Chesapeake Police Department; Dr. Dana Burnett, Old Dominion University student services vice president; Tony Stevens of the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and Pam Beer of The Century Council together unveiled some of the advertising literature this week that, hopefully, will deter underage drinking.

No one knows for sure what will work.

Virginia legislators and educators have addressed the problem for decades, having established 21 as the legal drinking age for all alcoholic beverages in 1934.

In 1974, the state lowered the legal age for consuming and purchasing beer to 18.

As underage drinking increased, the state backtracked, increasing the legal drinking age for beer off-premises from 18 to 19 in 1981.

When that didn't work, the legal age was changed in 1983 to 19 for all sales of beer; and in 1985, to 21 for all alcoholic beverages, phasing this in until 1987 when no one under 21 could purchase any alcoholic beverage anywhere legally.

Still, underage drinking persists.

In fact, statistics that The Century Council has gathered show that almost 25 percent of eighth grade students and more than 50 percent of 12th grade students nationally have illegally consumed alcoholic beverages in the past month.

Serious action such as raising the legal drinking age didn't prevent that.

So how will a barrage of colorful ads by the distilling industry itself make a difference?

It's unclear. So far, the pop culture campaign appears to be a fresh approach to an never-ending problem. — B.W.



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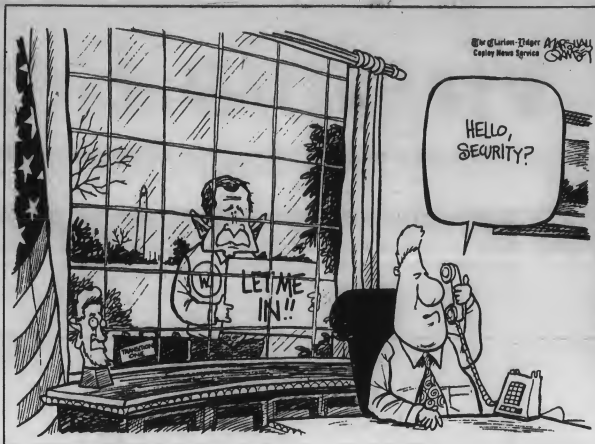
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The real count comes with time

Listening to the U.S. Supreme Court Justices query attorneys Tim Olson and Joe Klock for Governor Bush and Secretary of State Harris, as well as David Boice for Vice President Gore, was exhilarating to the historian side of my soul.



Perspectives
By Eileen Huey,
columnist

Not being a lawyer, I was especially grateful that the justices presented their questions in common sense language that was easy to follow. The questions asked by Justices Kennedy, Souter and O'Connor quickly alleviated my fears that by their taking this case, it would not be a slippery slope eroding our principle of federalism and ultimately undermine our constitutional system.

Each of them focused in hard on whether there was even a federal question before them in the first place. While that did not tell me how they will rule, it at least assured me that they will not ignore the consequences of what their actions may mean to our federalist system over the long run.

Just as reassuring were the numerous questions posed to both sides by nearly all the justices on whether or not the absence of uniform standards for evaluating the "intent of the voter" might impact the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution. It was clear from the answers that a lack of specific standards is the norm in most states which, like Florida, simply rely upon the general standard of discerning the "clear intent of the voter."

Much of the Bush argument revolved around the fact that Florida cannot have a fair manual count of ballots because it has no specific "sub-standards."

That is, Florida law does not specify how each ballot must be evaluated as

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to perforations or indentations on punch-card ballots and, presumably, accurate standards for other ballots since Florida has five different types of voting machines and many more types of ballots.

In the midst of this back-and-forth dialogue, it occurred to me that since the Florida legislature had not adopted any such standards before the election, how can any court impose them later without being guilty of changing the law after the election was held?

Had the Florida Supreme Court established specific standards to be used in evaluating the ballots, the Bush team would have accused it of legislating from the bench as well as of violating federal law by changing the rules of the game post-election.

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So, my common sense response to this ring-around-the-rose game the Bush lawyers are playing with — the issue of whether the Florida Supreme Court should have ordered a manual counting of the contested votes — is "Poppycock!"

Quite the contrary was the case when it came to the sound legal footing and consistency of the Boice argument on the part of the vice president. The high point of his questioning came when Justice Kennedy asked him if he didn't think that having varying standards from county to

county may result in some under votes being treated differently than others.

Boice agreed that the lack of a uniform standard might cause some minor disparity, but that was nothing compared to the disparity that currently exists from the 2,000 election where the number of under votes in punch card machine counties is five times higher than in the optical scanner counties.

That's right, five times as many voters' ballots were not counted in counties that used punch card machines than in those that did not.

Now, there's a serious violation of Florida not giving equal protection to every voter, if I ever heard one.

Think how refreshing it would have been if the attorneys for Governor Bush and Secretary Harris, instead, had told the Supreme Court justices the real reason they sought the stay — that they were afraid that the vote count would show that Gore received more votes in Florida than Bush did.

Instead, we listened to all this legal mumbo-jumbo about constitutional rights being violated (when none were) and making new laws from the bench (which didn't happen). Justice Scalia, of course, did his damndest to make the Bush case for the often confused, inconsistent and weak arguments presented by Olson and Klock.

And, Scalia's damndest is never anything to sneer at because he is sharp as a tack. But even Scalia's great skill was not sufficient to make a case that just isn't there. When the Florida Supreme Court ordered a manual recount of the contested ballots to determine the intent of the voter (including the under votes cast in all counties to insure that equal treatment was granted to all Florida voters), they were merely following the Florida statutes and case law for the past 100 years.

Not that I pretend to know how the U.S. Supreme Court will rule, but that almost doesn't matter this time.

Now there is a public record of the arguments presented to the Court, the clear inconsistency and absurdity of the Bush position is there for anyone to read. Historians will have the last say in this matter no matter what. And, that is where Bush's actions and the Court's ruling will count forevermore.

preserved our freedom.

When completed, the memorial will be a lasting tribute to an entire generation, which drew strength from the very same values that inspired the colonial citizens-soldiers. The cause of democracy prevailed as a result of the unflinching courage of 16 million World War II GIs — 400,000 of whom gave their lives in military service.

The American Legion and its affiliated organization — The American Legion Auxiliary and The Sons of The American Legion — donated about \$4 million for the National World War II Memorial. The American people exceeded the fundraising goal by a long shot, which demonstrates the people support the design as well as the Rainbow Pool site on The Mall.

The memorial's design and location are appropriately first-rate. Not only will it permanently recognize the entire World War II generation that saved the world from tyranny, but it will also be a reminder of one generation's exemplary devotion to principles of freedom, justice and equality.

By its completion date, this memorial will have taken more than twice as long to create as it took United States and allied forces to win the second world war. It will have taken from 1993 to 2003. That is, of course, if the project is not mired in courtroom battles.

We have taken too long to memorialize our fallen World War II heroes and we have certainly waited far too long to say "thank you" to the men and women of "Our Greatest Generation."

Millions of our World War II heroes have already passed on, and we lose more each day. It's time for protestors to leave the courtroom and to join hands and hearts with the millions of their fellow Americans to pay homage while we still can.

Let's emblaze our gratitude with a thank-you note in stone.

Ray Smith is the National Commander of the 2.8 million-member American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization.

What's the deal with golf?

I am sick and tired of all of the mess that is going on in Florida in relation to the presidential election.

I have almost reached the conclusion that I don't give a darn who is elected just as long as they get it over with.

I don't plan to write about that in this week's column. I want to talk about golf.

Golf is a spectator sport for me. In all of my 76 years, I have never played one round of golf. Many of my friends do, so I am dedicating this column

to them in the form of a profile.

What is a golfer?

He will ignore his wife, shun his secretary and lie to his boss, but will give his undivided attention to his caddy.

He will read the muck and mire of creeks and ditches and wade through briar and snake-infested swamps while wearing \$75 slacks and \$90 shoes, looking for a \$2 ball.

He will walk across his lawn with grass and weeds knee-high to get to his car and drive to the golf course where he will methodically and meticulously remove every leaf, pine needle and dead insect on the green before putting.

He will sit at his desk all morning talking golf on the telephone, then go to the golf course and talk business all afternoon.

He will repair a green or replace a divot, but his lawn has holes in it that Smokey the Bear could hibernate in. He won't take his wife and kids to the beach for the weekend claiming, "I can't stand all that sand," but will drive to the golf course three afternoons a week and play in it for the better part of four hours.

He will stand underneath his carport at 12:45 p.m. with Hurricane Andrew blowing his lawn furniture, barbecue grill and his kids' trampoline down the street at more than 130 mph, with water hucabps deep in his driveway. Yet, he'll yell to his wife, "See you later, honey! I don't think is raining at the golf course!"

He won't hold his wife's chair, light her cigarette or open her car door — but never fails to "attend the pin."

He won't stoop down to pick up a sock or a dirty shirt, replace a loose tile, or pick up the garbage can because of that old "football back injury," but he will do 18 deep knee bends to remove his ball from the cup during a round of golf.

Finally, a word to the wives: When he arrives home soaking wet with muddy pants legs and a bewildered look on his face, that's really not the best time to ask, "Did you have a good round today, dear?"

Welcome to the real world.

You read it here!

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Scenic Beach and its greenways, blueways

During the opening ceremonies of the 2000 Governor's Conference on Greenways and Blueways, held Oct. 1-3 in Virginia Beach, I accepted a \$100,000 grant check on behalf of



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyer Oberdorf

Our beaches, rivers, lakes and bays are a major reason why so many people choose Virginia Beach as their home and as their vacation destination.

terways, beaches, parks, natural and agricultural areas and scenic road corridors.

We've created some very innovative parks and trails.

The Bayside History Trail, a joint project of the citizens and the city's departments of parks and recreation, public libraries and museums and cultural arts, won the 1999 Learning Resources Network's International LERN Award for Community Service — a half-year after it opened. The walking and biking trail connects seven historic buildings and three historically significant sites including Wickhock Point, where the famous ducking of Grace Sherwood, the witch of Pungo, took place.

Another innovative trail is the Francis Land History Park, situated on a 3.5-acre wooded wetland behind Francis Land House at 3131 Virginia Beach Boulevard. The trail, the first project developed as a heritage resource component of the Virginia Beach Outdoors Plan, takes visitors back in time to Colonial Virginia.

Countless Beach residents do their part. There's a grassroots effort to develop a water trail from the South Carolina border to the Chesapeake, and nature lovers volunteer throughout the year to beautify West Neck Creek, a very beautiful waterway that's a popular site for ecotours, and to clean the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. As in the past, the city continues to seek partnerships that create, enhance, promote or provide access to open space.

It's clear that the citizens value their space.

Partnering with the Trust for Public Land, city officials worked with residents in every voting district earlier this year to find out what citizens' priorities are regarding open space. Feedback from a telephone survey, seven focus groups and eight public meetings is being used to update the Outdoors Plan.

Lisa Chandler White, media and communications coordinator, contributed to this column.

Robbery foiled

Staff report

A customer inside a local bank managed to foil a robbery attempt by an assailant who claimed to have a bomb.

A woman, identified as Susan Diane Jones, 41, of the 1400 block of Old Centerville Turnpike in Chesapeake, reportedly entered the BB&T Bank at the 1400 block of Kempville Road Tuesday, Dec. 12 at about 10:35 a.m., demanding money, Virginia Beach police said.

Jones allegedly made the request with a note that also stated that she had a bomb outside the bank, police said.

She was then given an undetermined amount of money and fled the bank. But before she could get away, a customer who

witnessed the robbery, chased the suspect and caught her outside, holding her until police units arrived, police said.

Police declined to release the name of the customer and found no explosive device after conducting a search of the area.

Jones has since been charged with armed robbery, threatening to bomb and possession of a controlled substance (suspected crack cocaine). She is being held in the Virginia Beach Correctional Center without bond.

The case is under investigation by members of the Virginia Beach Police Robbery Squad with Det. W.R. Steets as the lead investigator.

Hotel parking studied

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Hotel in September when four New York nurses were killed when their car went through the parking garage barrier.

Councilwoman Reba McClanahan said that she was concerned about the time it is taking to get anything done.

Lilley said that the city is asking the motel and hotel owners to hire a structural engineer. He said that the fix had to be done by the property owners and that the city can't suggest how that should be done. He said that the city staff will work with a structural engineer.

Military family honored by local YMCA

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Sherry remembers, "and we met a man who couldn't get out of his house to go to work. He had a job, but he actually couldn't leave his house to get to the bus. So we got together with other people who were helping us, and built him a wheelchair ramp."

"It was great to see his face," she continues. "He was there for

every nail we hammered, he thanked us for every nail we hammered. Since then, we've gotten calls from all sorts of people to build ramps for them."

"Especially kidney dialysis patients," adds Karl. "Sometimes, their circulation gets worse and worse and they lose the use of the extremities. So the social workers contact me when they

see the need, and I go help them

out. It's usually at houses, but I built one at Summer House, a group home in Virginia Beach."

The couple is also very involved in Special Olympics. Karl coaches soccer, bowling and basketball in Portsmouth and soccer, track and basketball in Chesapeake. Sherry is active in fundraising for the events.

"We've been needy before, and it's hard," Sherry explains.

"We're not rich, but we can pay our bills. There's a lot of people that can't do that without help, so we have to do everything we can."

"This is also a great way for us to spend time together," she continues. "We enjoy doing this, and helping other people. Helping other people gives our quality time a double dose."



With proper care, a grapevine can produce fruit for a century.

Up close and personal

Rev. Richard Dinges: Sending the message

By Bobbie Whitehead

Editor

The Rev. Richard "Dick" A. Dinges wants to make sure everyone learns and lives by the gospel, just as he does.

To assure he spreads the word, the Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church pastor mails copies of his Sunday sermons to church members when they can't attend.

And if the U.S. Postal Service isn't quick enough, Dinges has an idea.

Why not send it via an e-mail address?

A native of Pennsylvania, Dinges not only wants to share his sermons by Internet with his church members, but also with anyone homebound or physically challenged in need of spiritual nourishment.

"I was thinking that a wonderful way to interact with the community is to offer this to other persons with e-mail addresses," Dinges said. "It would be a free service that would benefit non-church members as well."

Dinges, who's served as pastor at the Virginia Beach church since 1997, works with a sermon preparation group a week in advance, selecting scriptures that apply to the congregations and issues they may face.

"We have about 70 to 80 people in attendance each Sunday, and I estimate that about 150 get the sermon every week," he said.

He has his church members' names listed on a computer database, then with just a click of his mouse, he's able to add the names of members who missed a Sunday to a community group set to receive his message.

"We have a heritage of faith recorded in the Bible," Dinges said. "I accept that those are the accurate relationships that people have had with God."

For this reason, he wants to share what he knows about the scriptures as well as assure that others have an individual relationship with Christ.

"That's what I hope to accomplish," he said. Dinges became interested in the ministry while in high school after attending a Youth for Christ group meeting.

"When I was in high school, I felt pretty much a stranger and alone," Dinges said. "But this service changed my life."

After high school, Dinges joined the U.S. Navy, serving as a typist from 1969 to 1973. Then, he majored in history at the Nyack Missionary College in New York where he received his bachelor's degree. Dinges continued his studies, receiving his master's degree in divinity from the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Mass., in 1977. He accepted his first position as a minister in 1978.

"I wanted to welcome others to the faith, so they can find the same happiness I have found," he said.

Since then, Dinges has served seven churches. He also involves himself in community organizations and is a member of the Princess Anne Rotary Club and the Fellowship of Merry Christians.

Anyone interested in receiving a copy of the Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church bulletin or Dinges' Sunday sermon can e-mail him a request at lccc@piol.infi.net.

Name: Richard Allen Dinges.

What brought you to this area: I was ecstatic to accept a call to be the pastor at Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church in 1997. I have a bumper sticker, "As Me About My Church." My church is a great place, nearing the ideal. We are a mix of persons of different points of view, who interact and work together for the common good.

The church is a setting for activities pleasing to everyone and helpful to one larger community.

Hometown: I was born in Erie, Penn., but I have lived in West Hollywood, Fla.; Nyack, N.Y.; Cape May, N.J.; Chelsea, Mass.; Salem, Mass.



Chula Vista, Calif.; Lynnfield, Mass.; Valley Grove, W.Va.; and Virginia Beach. I like living here.

Age: I am 55 years of age.

Nickname: My nickname is Dick. I grew up being called Rich and Little Rich. In high school, I wanted a change of identity, so I chose my grandfather's nickname.

Occupation: Pastor.

Marital Status: I have been married to Bonnie Townsend Dinges for 22 years.

Children: Charles, 21, and Christopher, 19, are our adopted sons. Currently, they are employed and looking to get settled.

Favorite movies: "It's a Wonderful Life," "Kon Tiki," "Ghost," "Ring of Bright Water," "Field of Dreams," and "Dances With Wolves."

Favorite magazines: "Angels on Earth."

Favorite authors: Raymond Moody, Kenneth Ring, Luke, Albert Schweitzer, Brad Steigler and John Steinbeck. I favor authors mostly for their subject matter.

Favorite night out on the town: Dinner out with Bonnie.

Favorite restaurant: Shogun.

Favorite meal: I delight over my home-grown vegetables, and I drink decaf coffee.

What most people don't know about me: I love to play chess. I have devised a code for moves by beeper. Anyone want to play?

Best thing about myself: I like me. The best thing in my life next to my wife is my job.

Worst habit: I neglect unpleasant tasks such as cleaning the garage.

Pets: We have two cats — Tiger, a spayed female, and Simba, a neutered male. Simba's nickname is Somersault because of his eager approach to being petted.

Hobbies: I keep a year-round garden. I love to fish, but I haven't found time this year (except on vacation.) Last year, I caught stripers from an inner tube by the Bay Bridge Tunnel.

Ideal vacation: Bonnie and I spend time on Morse Island off the coast of Friendship, Maine, every summer. The family has had a homestead there for generations. Island life is pleasant.

Pet peeves: I don't have any peeves — only cats.

First job: I taught fourth grade in Den-nisville, N.J., just after graduation from college. I taught on an emergency certificate.

Least liked job: I once worked at filing at Wilcox & Gibbs Sewing Machine Factory in Nyack, N.Y.

Favorite sports teams: I loved the Boston Celtics when I was stationed in Chelsea, Mass., in the early 1970s. I haven't followed sports since then.

Favorite musicians: Placido Domingo and Frederica VonStrada are my favorite vocalists. I favor classical music. Brahms, Chopin and Tchaikovsky are my favorites.

Most embarrassing moment: I was standing next to the bathroom window in the parsonage, and the most proper woman in my church in New England came up to the window and held a conversation with me. She finished before I finished. I wonder if she knew.

How I would like to be remembered: As a person of integrity who liked to help others.

If I received \$1 million: I would be challenged to invest it to help other people in need to help themselves, and I would like to help those who can't. In the past, I had a vision for a farm setting that would provide shelter and community for persons in need. This would satisfy a need for low-income housing.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would like to tell some of my favorite jokes and humorous stories. I share my faith mostly in church.

Council approves clinic purchases

By Lee Cahill

City Council Reporter

City Council has approved a \$750,000 loan to the Beach Health Clinic to purchase two properties on Holland Road for its operations.

The clinic, which provides free medical care to impoverished, uninsured residents of Virginia Beach, has outgrown its present headquarters in the old city library building at 302 22nd Street, Angela Scott, executive director, told City Council at a work session Tuesday.

The clinic has been located at its present building since 1992 when it began leasing the building from the city for one dollar a year.

The two buildings, at 3396 and 3400 Holland Road, will provide 9,000-square-foot of space.

Projections are that the clinic will need 7,500 square feet within five years and 9,000 within eight years.

The purchase price of the buildings is \$900,000, part of which will be paid with \$150,000 in the existing cash reserves of the clinic.

The BHC will pay \$75,000 each year for five years with the balance due on Dec. 31, 2005.

The clinic also agreed to allocate any United Way funds received by the clinic — as much as 40 percent of the cost is expected to come from the United Way — to the loan repayment.

The city also provides a grant of \$125,000 to the clinic a year.

The clinic also will have an annual income of \$56,000 from two tenants who have leases in the buildings.

Medical care extended to the patients includes physician visits, lab testing, x-rays and medication assistance.

Scott said that in the last three years the patient visits have doubled, so that 12,000 patient visits are expected this year. The clinic loan was increased when it absorbed the residents from the Judoo-Christian Shelter Clinic when its non-renewable grant expired. Also the center has patients from the Volunteers of America (VOA) Lighthouse program. The clinic also has picked up the case loan for the city as the health department suffered funding cutbacks from the state.

I would like to tell some of my favorite jokes and humorous stories. I share my faith mostly in church.

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including benefits. As for the number of jobs that would be created, he said that was dependent on the marketing outside the area. He said the firm has a list of 11 companies to consider.

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Project OK'd

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LINING THE LAB. The newly opened Bayside Elementary School features various computer labs that students have enjoyed since the school's opening two weeks ago. —Photo by Jason Norman

Students take to new school

Bayside Elementary staff, teachers proud, too

By Jason Norman
Correspondent

"I'm in heaven! I'm in heaven!" said Scott Ferguson, looking around her new classroom, decorated with new chalkboards, desks and a filing cabinet that she just received this morning.

A 32-year veteran of Bayside Elementary, Ferguson has seen more than her share of classroom activity. "When I first started here, there was no registered nurse," she said. "We had a parent who took care of kids that were sick. No guidance counselors either; if a kid had a problem, we had to take them outside and talk to them on the steps until they felt better."

But she won't have any of those problems anymore. Located on the site of the old building, Bayside Elementary School recently opened a new, \$8.8 million facility. Built to hold 725 students (currently, the school has less than 600), the new structure has three academic wings, a huge cafeteria and gymnasium, an interior courtyard, computer labs and a new library. With phones and water fountains in each room, the school is a huge technological advancement.

Despite the changes, Bayside hasn't forgotten its roots.

The entrance hallway holds a very special tribute to the old Bayside school, which stood for nearly 60 years.

The bricks used to construct the old school's sign now stand in the new Bayside hall. Also along the same corridor, there's a large white wall.

"We're going to have a bay scene drawn on that," laughs school principal Janice Zitt. "Our school nickname is the Bulldogs, but we've found something a bit better for visitors to see."

"We've just been open since Monday. It's been a challenge for everyone, the faculty and the students. But the children seem to really enjoy their new school."

Zitt ordered all of the furniture for this school.

"Four of my children went to the old Bayside school," remembered secretary Gloria Southard. "And the children today love this one. The newness

is so wonderful to them."

Dolly Sturgis, an alumni of the school, has worked at Bayside for 20 years.

"I've turned down more than one transfer offer, because I love it here," Sturgis said. "I know that this is my place to be."

"I cried when they tore the old one down, but this was well worth waiting for."

Art teacher Scott Minner said the teachers are just as excited as the students.

"It's going to take some getting used to," Minner said. "The students will be using our new computers before long."

Bayside Elementary uses several tools to keep students away from appropriate Internet areas.

"Parents have to sign permission slips for the children to use these computers," Zitt said. "We also use HighGear, an Internet program that keeps children from accessing certain sites."

The school is also equipped with nearly 20 security cameras.

"We can use these to tell what really happens," Zitt explained, demonstrating the camera's remote control. "Of course, I don't always sit here and

watch them, but the kids have been a little wary. They know there's the chance of me seeing exactly what they do!"

Just after lunch, many children play in the gymnasium.

"After lunch every day, we have what we call a 'walk-and-talk,'" Zitt explained. "During the last few minutes of lunch, the children go outside, if the weather permits, and talk for a few minutes."

In her fourth grade classroom, Ferguson said the new school's is brighter, encouraging everyone.

"I don't see any creepy-crawlies on the wall, or mice running across the floor, which I have seen!"

Ferguson said the former school occasionally had shorts in its electrical system when more than one appliance was in use at the same time.

"But now we have great computer labs, and lots of outlets," Ferguson said. "We also now have real bookcases, which are much better than the cinder blocks and boards I started with."



ENJOYING THE ATMOSPHERE. Bricks used to construct the old Bayside School are now in the new building's hallway. One student relaxes in the newness of the facility. —Photo by Jason Norman

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Firefighters serve as EMS

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

When a fire truck shows up at your house after a call for medical help, don't despair.

The firefighter may be the one to provide emergency medical service.

The idea is to get help and the emergency response team is a combination of the fire and emergency medical service departments and the city's all-volunteer rescue squad.

In a swer to comments and rumors that one or the other of the services was getting or trying to get on the other's turf, Fire Chief Gregory B. Cade and EMS Director Bruce W. Edwards in the fall of last year formed a committee to develop a strategic plan for the emergency response system.

Administrative changes allow interested firefighters to be paramedics without joining a rescue squad, which is what the firefighters wanted all along. Among the new batch of 25 firefighters, Cade said, 12 are already qualified.

The committee also is clarifying the medical control chain of command and review advanced life support (ALS) response times to ensure proper distribution of resources.

At a City Council workshop where the response team plans were described, Edwards said that in the past people believed that if an ambulance was not on the scene of a medical emergency, nothing would be done.

That's not so, he said. He said that the first unit, the EMS team or firefighters or the first person on the scene is in charge. And the first unit on the scene is critical.

Edwards said there was never an attempt to eliminate volunteer rescue squads, but the fire department has been recognized as a critical component of the EMS. Now the firefighter can be a paramedic without joining the rescue squad.

Under the changes:

■ The ERS team is being reconstituted as a steering committee.

■ Members, volunteers and others will be recruited to serve on and become active participants of the ERS sub-committees.

■ Resources, facilities and equipment will be shared.

■ Continuum teams (providing continuous service) will be created and monitored.

■ The police, fire and EMS will continue to operate as independent departments, but they will continue to be a single unified medical control system.

■ The ERS will operate in a tiered network involving first response, ALS response and transport response.

■ Volunteer rescue squads (the largest in the nation) will continue to provide quality delivery of service to the community and maintain their key role as partners in the ERS.

■ All paramedics will function in an ALS capacity for a minimum

period monthly as defined by the operational medical director.

■ Fire, EMS and rescue squads are each a critical component of the ERS response and the success of providing Virginia Beach residents and guests a safe community.

Councilwoman Reba McClanan said there is a lot of discomfort when departments are not working together and that it was good that any differences there were have been resolved. She also asked whether the departments have looked into rezoning and development and the possible impact on their services.

McClanan added that her public is very happy with what the departments do. Their concern is whether they can continue with their present facilities.

Vice Mayor William D. Sessions Jr. said he loved the rescue squad, that it was a symbol of the small town in a large city. He said that the rescue squad has always worked with the fire and police departments.

"All in all the system has been superb," Sessions said.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf said that a lot of people forget that the rescue squads get out and raise money for equipment.

Councilwoman Margaret Eure suggested that the fire department can put something on their trucks saying, "This is a first response unit," to avoid confusion among the people.

Hedspeth performs for benefit

The U.S. Marine Corp welcomes Troy Hedspeth as host of the sixth annual Toys for Tots Benefit Concert.

The event will be at First Colonial High School, 1272 Mill Dam Rd., at Saturday, Dec. 16.

Admission is one unwrapped, new toy.

For more information call Hedspeth. Management in Virginia Beach at 340-3390.

Although Hedspeth performs for various charities, Christmas is a very special time of year for the Hedspeth household, and it was very important that he do something extra special on his own to give back to his community that had always supported him.

This goal became a reality in December 1995, when Hedspeth and management team decide to perform a benefit concert for The Toys for Tots. The result was such an overwhelming success and provided both cash and toys for so many Hampton Roads children that Hedspeth feels committed to continue this tradition.

For a second year, the event will again be held at First Colonial High School in Virginia Beach.

For the last eight years, Hedspeth has spent almost every other Saturday at Virginia's Ole Opry honing his skills and talent. On July 22, he performed his "Farewell Concert" at the legendary theatre before heading to Nashville to begin his

music studies at the renowned Belmont University — the place to learn the music business.

The young singer's rise to fame started in 1993 when he performed for the first time at an audition at Lynnhaven Mall for Star Search. Hedspeth sang "Two of a Kind" and received a standing ovation.

He was barely 10-years-old.

Hedspeth has been featured on nationally syndicated television shows like "Cheyenne Country," co-hosted by John Schneider, and "American Journal," and live performances on country radio nationwide.



Ammons

Ammons performs in Radford musical

RADFORD — Matthew Ammons of Virginia Beach, a freshman criminal justice major at Radford University, performed as a musician in Rudyard Kipling's "The Jungle Book."



Frakes

Frakes performs in Radford musical

RADFORD — Jessica R. Frakes of Virginia Beach, a sophomore theatre major at Radford University, performed the role of Bagheera in Rudyard Kipling's "The Jungle Book." She is the daughter of Danny Frakes.

Merry Christmas



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Salem played

The Upper School at Cape Henry Collegiate brought Arthur Miller's classic play "The Crucible" to the stage. Students participating gave the audience time to think about how society works to balance order and freedom. Students in the top photo act as the children of Salem during the trial. In the second photo, the Reverend Hale, played by Jonathan Snider, encourages Tituba, played by Laura Moye, to confess her role as a follower of Satan. —Photo contributed



SCHOOL BRIEFS

■ Indian Lakes Elementary School, named Gertrude "Teechie" Duke its reading teacher of the year and Sandy Cofield as teacher of the year.

■ The attendance committee is sponsoring an attendance contest each grading period. Winners on each grade level will fly an attendance flag outside the classroom. Students in these classes also receive attendance badges. All students who have perfect attendance receive pencils as a reward. Congratulations to the following attendance winners: Mrs. Boelcher's kindergarten class; Mrs. Farino's first grade class; Mrs. Dombey's second grade class; Mrs. Alexander's third grade class; Mrs. McVey's fourth grade class; Mrs. Woolery's fifth grade class; and Mr. Faulk's class.

■ Linda Gork, our teacher of the year 2000, will have her artwork displayed on the cover of *Tapstry*. *Tapstry* is a book of exceptional teaching practices that is published yearly by Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

■ The art guild designed sport figure statues that were displayed all month in the school foyer. They are also busy at work designing posters for Mozart Makes You Smart at the Harrison Open House.

■ The school will hold its Winter Musical Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The chorus and fifth grade strings will perform "Tis the Season." The chorus will also be performing at Pembroke Mall Dec. 22 and at The Wells Theater Dec. 19.

■ The following surpassed their grade level's goal for having their name and their book recommendation read during morning announcements: Kayla Francis, Tyler Purdie, Drew Milstead, Laquna Bullock, Allison Doyle, Drew Pollard, Amanda Beyer, Katrina Bowen, Joshua Wood and Ryan Bowen.

■ Red Mill Elementary School PTA Meeting/Chorus and Band Holiday Program will be held Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7:15 p.m. in the school cafeteria. After a brief PTA meeting in the Red Mill Elementary School Chorus and Band will perform holiday songs. Contact Dawn Miller, PTA president or Mrs. Larkin, chorus/band leader for more information.

■ Red Mill Elementary School Chorus and Band will perform holiday songs at Lynnhaven Mall on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 10:30 a.m. Contact Mrs. Larkin, chorus/band leader for more information.

■ The Windsor Oaks Elementary School music department, directed by Rebecca Whitson, will present "An All-American Holiday" Mon-

day, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. The program is a historical travel through America featuring pilgrims, angels, bells, Santa, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. The first grade classes, the fourth and fifth grade chorus and the tone choir will perform. Performances will also be presented Monday at 9 a.m. and at 1:50 p.m. For more information call Whitson, 431-4031.

■ The third grade classes of Green Run Elementary School have been invited to tour the USS Enterprise and have lunch aboard the aircraft carrier. They will take this field trip on Wednesday, Dec. 20 from 9:15 a.m. through 1:30 p.m.

■ The Green Run Elementary staff members will travel through the school community singing holiday carols Dec. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Congratulations to the following staff members for being chosen for the weekly "I Make a Difference Award": Cyndy Bradley, Ade Falcadeau, Barbara Butts, Chester Steward, Jane Cole and Norma Owens.

■ The early childhood classes will visit the Rainforest Cafe in MacArthur Center on Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will take a tour through the most realistic rain forest ever created. Then they will enjoy lunch.

■ Pizza Hut at 1148 Lynnhaven Parkway will host a family night for Green Run Elementary staff, parents and students Dec. 21 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Green Run Elementary PTA. Santa Claus and his elves will be available to listen to Christmas wish lists while Pizza Hut serves up delicious pizza.

■ Sally Prince, a kindergarten teacher with 25 years of experience, all at Princess Anne Elementary, was chosen as Reading Teacher of the Year.

■ Tammy Thrasher was chosen as Princess Anne Elementary's Teacher of the Year for 2001-2001.

LEGAL NOTICES

TRUSTEE SALE OF
913 Marquette Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$35,150.00, from Tara L. Strawn, Grantor, dated October 14, 1996, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH on October 25, 1996 in Book 3673 at Page 1489, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the main

entrance of the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, 2305 Judicial Blvd., Virginia Beach, Virginia on 1/9/01 at 9:10 A.M., the property with improvements to wit: ALL THAT certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon situate, lying and being in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, known, numbered and designated as Lot 64, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "Haven Heights, Section Two (2)". And more fully described in the above Deed of Trust. Commonly known as 913 Marquette Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23464. Tax ID: 1466-33-3981-0000.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale.

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE OF
5938 Beechwalk Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$83,725.00, from David J. Lee and Stephanie D. Lee, Grantor, dated May 27, 2000, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH on June 6, 2000 in Book 4249 at Page 2063, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance of the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, 2305 Judicial Blvd., Virginia Beach, Virginia on 1/9/01 at 8:30 A.M., the property with improvements to wit: ALL THAT certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon lying, situate, and being in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and known, numbered and designated as Lot 29, Block Z (erroneously referred to as Block 2 in previous instrument), as shown on that certain plat entitled, "PLAT OF THE VILLAGES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3, PART 1 (FORMERLY PINWOOD VILLAGE), KEMPSVILLE BOROUGH, VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA". And more fully described in the above Deed of Trust. Commonly known as 5938 Beechwalk Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23464. Tax ID: 1465-50-0256-000.

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH
MCKENZIE CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, a Virginia corporation, Complainant v.
VALLEY BLOX, INC., a Virginia corporation, D/B/A AMERICAST

SERVE: M.E. Gibson, Jr., Registered Agent, 105-109 E. High Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902
DIAMOND EQUIPMENT CONTRACTING CORP., a Virginia corporation
SERVE: John E. Moorefield, Jr., Registered Agent, 3023 Bray Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23452
TARMAC AMERICA, INC., a Delaware corporation
SERVE: Commonwealth Legal Services Corp., Registered Agent, 4701 Cox Road, Suite 301, Glen Allen, VA 23060

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VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY, a New Jersey corporation
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PARTIES UNKNOWN, who performed work or provided materials of, by, for, or to Atlantic Concrete Contractors, Inc. on the construction project known as "Lynnhaven Mall Parking Deck" in Virginia Beach, Virginia, prior to termination of Atlantic Concrete Contractors, Inc. from the project, and who claim to be owed monies not yet received for said work and/or materials, and/or who claim to be owed money, now or in the future, as a result of, or for any reason related to, that subcontract entered into between McKenzie Construction Corporation and Atlantic Concrete Contractors, Inc. on or about April 9, 2000 regarding the "Lynnhaven Mall Parking Deck" project. Respondents.

In Chancery: CH00-3607
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of the above-styled Bill of Interpleader is to determine which parties are or will be entitled to various funds possibly owed, now or in the future, by McKenzie Construction Corporation for the performance of work and/or provision of materials of, by, for, or to Atlantic Concrete Contractors, Inc. on the construction project known as "Lynnhaven Mall Parking Deck" in Virginia Beach prior to the termination of Atlantic Concrete Contractors, Inc. from work on said project.

And, it appearing by affidavit filed according to law that there are set out in the Bill of Interpleader in this matter certain persons as defendants by the general description of "parties unknown", which persons, if any, are deemed interested in the subject to be divided or disposed of by the Bill, it is therefore ORDERED that any said interested person appear on or before the 5th day of January, 2001 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the City of Virginia Beach and do what is necessary to protect his interests.

And, it is further ORDERED that this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Virginia Beach; and that a copy of this order be posted on the front door of the Courthouse wherein this Court is held.

ENTERED this 14th day of November, 2000
J. Curtis Fruit, Clerk
By: Valerie B. Hazlip, Deputy Clerk

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RIDING THE WAVE TO READING. The Virginia Beach City Public Schools has spent more than \$20,000 on this old bus, creating the city's first traveling library for preschoolers. The bus will make regular stops in Virginia Beach neighborhoods, welcoming parents with children 2-to-5-year-old in an effort to encourage reading. The bus makes its debut Thursday, Dec. 14. —Photo contributed

Bus takes kids on reading tour

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from 9 a.m. to noon throughout the city. Each stop will last about 45 minutes.

The schedule for the Reading Bus each month is:

■ First and third Tuesdays 9 to 10:15 a.m., Emerald Point Apartments; from 10:15 a.m. to noon, Bancroft Hall Apartments.
■ Second and fourth Tuesdays 9

to 10:15 a.m., Runaway Bay Apartments; from 10:45 a.m. to noon, Ridgewood Club Apartments.

■ First and third Wednesdays 9 to 10:15 a.m., Chapel Lake Apartments; from 10:45 a.m. to noon, Colony Trailer Park.
■ Second and fourth Wednesdays 9 to 10:15 a.m., Kempsville Lakes

Apartments; from 10:45 a.m. to noon, Kempsville Recreation Center.

■ First and third Thursdays 9 to 10:15 a.m., Sandpiper Crescent Navy Housing—Little Creek; from 10:45 a.m. to noon, Mansards Apartments.
■ Second and fourth Thursdays 9 to noon, Boys & Girls Club (Rosemont Road).

For more information, call the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, 427-4274.

Legislative package OK'd

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

From asking for more funding for education to faxing prescriptions to pharmacies, City Council is sending 22 requests to the 2001 General Assembly.

Council Tuesday adopted its legislative package which has some old requests such as funding for education and transportation, and some new ones like allowing the city to post public notices on the Internet the way it does in print publications now.

The big money items are:

■ A request for the entire proceeds from the lottery.
■ \$310 million, to be made available to localities for education.
■ A request that the General Assembly consider additional revenue sources for transportation such as

an increase in the gasoline tax and other transportation related revenues to address the estimated \$2 billion a year shortfall for transportation.

■ A request for \$8 million in construction costs and \$500,000 for operating costs for the Virginia Marine Science Museum. The third section of the building is expected to cost \$52.6 million.

■ A request to increase the state aid for libraries from \$20,485,543 to \$21,194,997 for fiscal year 2002. Virginia Beach's aid would increase from \$377,862 to \$378,780. A request to support the Virginia Library Association's legislative position to maintain the current level of funding of \$2.7 million in fiscal 2002, for the information powering initiative.
■ A request of \$375,000 for the

second year of the biennium for the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia.

Also the initiatives call for the support for inclusion of sexual orientation in any proposed hate crimes legislation.

The city wants the General Assembly to review the regulations proposed by the Department of Environmental Quality dealing with landfills so that non-polluting landfills, like landfill #2 do not have their useful life unnecessarily shortened.

The wish list also asks the General Assembly to allow pharmacists to receive through electronic means, such as a fax or e-mail, prescriptions for drugs so that the pharmacist could fill the order with the original prescription brought in when the drugs are delivered or picked up.

McCall to speak at NSU graduation

NORFOLK — Norfolk State University Alumnus Nathan McCall, author of the bestseller "Make Me Wanna Holler. A Young Black Man in America" and former *Washington Post* reporter, will speak at NSU's Annual Alumni Banquet as part of the December commencement activities.

Sponsored by the NSU Alumni Association, McCall's talk will begin at 7 p.m., Saturday, in the Scott Dozier Dining Hall.

A native of Portsmouth, McCall began his career in journalism at NSU where he received a bachelor of arts in journalism in 1981. Before joining the *Washington Post* in 1989, he was a reporter for *The Virginian-Pilot* and the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

In 1995 "Make Me Wanna Holler" became a *New York Times* bestseller and was named Blackboard Book of the Year.

Noted scholar Henry Louis Gates wrote, "Sooner or later every gener-

ation must find its voice. It may be ours belongs to Nathan McCall, whose memoir is...a stirring tale of transformation. He is a mesmerizing storyteller."

McCall resigned from the *Washington Post* in 1998 to accept an appointment as a visiting lecturer at Emory University in Atlanta. He taught introductory news reporting and writing, and African-American images in the media, an elective African-American studies course.

In addition, McCall is also the author of *What's Going On*, a series of personal essays. He is currently working on a novel set in Atlanta.

Other NSU Commencement highlights include Marcia Ann Gillespie, editor-in-chief of *Ms. Magazine*. She will address approximately 360 graduates at NSU's commencement ceremony, scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday at Joseph G. Echo's Hall. For more information, call 823-8373.

MILITARY UPDATE

Stoy

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Daniel G. Stoy, whose wife, Jennifer, is the daughter of Susan Pullen and Bob Albert of Charlottesville, of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) recently supported rescue and recovery efforts for the *USS Cole* after the Oct. 12 attack that left 17 sailors dead and many others wounded in the port of Aden, Yemen.

Sailors and marines were called to respond to the terrorist bombing, forming Joint Task Force Determined Response.

Stoy's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment.

MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group and command element. With this combination, Stoy's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

George

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Daniel Q. George, son of Marjorie Q. Mathison, of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) recently supported rescue and recovery efforts for the *USS Cole* after the Oct. 12 attack that left 17 sailors dead and many others wounded in the port of Aden, Yemen.

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George's unit provided immediate security during repair efforts and towing operations.

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George is a 1996 graduate of Green Run High School and joined the Marine Corps in January 2000.

Blount

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. David J. Blount, son of Terry C. and James C. Blount, of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) recently supported rescue and recovery efforts for the *USS Cole* after the Oct. 12 attack that left 17 sailors dead and many others wounded in the port of Aden, Yemen.

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Blount's unit provided immediate security during repair efforts and towing operations.

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MEUs are composed of more than 2,000 personnel and are divided into an infantry battalion, aircraft squadron, support group and command element. With this combination, Blount's unit supplies and sustains itself for either quick mission accomplishment or clearing the way for follow-on forces.

Strawhacker

Marine Corps Pfc. Curtis R. Strawhacker, son of Sharon H. Kain Love, of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) recently supported rescue and recovery efforts for the *USS Cole* after the Oct. 12 attack that left 17 sailors dead and many others wounded in the port of Aden, Yemen.

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Strawhacker is a 1994 graduate of Morse High School and joined the Marine Corps in May 1999.

Caulder

Navy Hospitalman Barry L. Caulder, a 1996 graduate of Floyd E. Kellam Senior High School, recently supported rescue and recovery efforts for the *USS Cole* after the Oct. 12 attack that left 17 sailors dead and many others wounded in the port of Aden, Yemen.

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Lynch

Army Pvt. Stephen A. Lynch has graduated from the unit supply specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee in Petersburg.

The student was trained in receipt, storage, issue and accountability of individual, organization and installation supplies and equipment and included training in maintenance of small arms.

Lynch is the son of Barbara R. Charles and nephew of Sharon A.M. Pierre of San Antonio, Texas.

He is a 1999 graduate of Douglas MacArthur High School in San Antonio, Texas.

Wright

Air Force Airman Jerome S. Wright has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

munity College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Carolyn and Evander Wright.

Wright is a 1998 graduate of First Colonial High School.

Latham

Air Force Airman Steven G. Latham has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airman who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Latham is the son of Judith J. and Gregory A. Latham of Virginia Beach.

The airman is a graduate of Western Branch High School in Chesapeake.

Lane

Army Pfc. Leroy S. Lane Jr. has graduated from the food service specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee in Petersburg.

The servicemember learned to prepare and serve food in large and small quantities, baking methods, field kitchen operations and general operation of Army dining facilities.

Lane is the son of Catherine E. Lane of Piney Branch Circle in Norfolk, and nephew of Jeffery L. Patterson of Wolf Pack in Virginia Beach.

He is a 1998 graduate of Booker T. Washington in Norfolk.

Norton

Air Force Airman 1st Class Andrew E. Norton has graduated from the munitions systems apprentice course at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas.

The student received training in conventional and nuclear ordnance inventory management and accounting systems, munitions operations, publications utilization and manual and automated files management.

He is the son of Sharon L. and Lee W. Norton of Parkwood Court, Virginia Beach.

Norton is a 1998 graduate of Princess Anne High School, Virginia Beach.

Oliver

Army National Guard Pfc. Rashel C. Oliver has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

During the training, the soldier received instruction and practice in drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions.

He is the son of James B. and Bettie J. Oliver of Andre Court.

Oliver is a 1997 graduate of Floyd E. Kellam High School.

Masters

Army Staff Sgt. Lea D. Masters II has graduated from the drill sergeant school at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

The nine-week course is designed to provide students with the information and training techniques that drill sergeants require to teach initial entry or basic military trainees. The curriculum includes drill and ceremonies, physical fitness, weapons training and instruction on leadership and counseling applicable to the initial entry trainee environment.

Masters is the son of Lea D. Masters of Coeburn and Donna J. Masters of Virginia Beach.

He is a 1982 graduate of Great Bridge High School in Chesapeake.

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News in Brief

Basketball camp

The Paul Webb Holiday Basketball Camp will be held Dec. 26-29 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Great Neck, Kempville and Princess Anne community recreation centers. Cost is \$80 and is open to boys and girls in grades one through eight. To register call 464-4561.

Kids workshops

Computer workshops for children 6 to 9 years old will be offered at the Children's Museum of Virginia, 221 High St., on Dec. 26-28.

Using the museum's computer lab, children will apply new technology skills in graphics and desktop publishing, plus learn to use digital photography, as they take a virtual "trip" to faraway lands.

Three separate workshop sessions are scheduled: 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Dec. 26; 1 to 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 27; and 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Dec. 28.

The fee is \$8 per session for members of the Portsmouth Museums and \$10 for non-members. Since class size will be limited, registration is required by Dec. 20. Call 393-5258 to register or for additional information.

Kwanzaa ceremony

The Art Atrium II Arts Center will sponsor a Kwanzaa celebration Tuesday, Dec. 26 at the Arts Center located at 341 High St. in Old Towne Portsmouth from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Kwanzaa celebration will feature African storytelling by Ruth Varner, poetry readings by the Not Just For February Players and music by local music groups. The Kwanzaa ceremony will be led by Varner.

The program is free and open to the public. Call for group reservations.

Kwanzaa is a celebration of the first fruits of the land and allows families to take time out to give thanks for the past year's blessing and rededicate themselves to the seven Kwanzaa principles for the new year.

For more information call the Art Atrium, 393-1215.

New Year's gala

The Virginia Beach Jaycees are proud to present the eighth annual New Year's Gala at the Contemporary Arts Center.

Tickets are \$65 and include music, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and soft drinks, as well as a champagne toast at midnight.

For reservation information contact Shannon at 312-9167.

Proceeds from the evening will benefit the programs and projects of the Virginia Beach Jaycees.

Rotary topics

The Rotary Club of Portsmouth will meet at the Holiday Inn in Old Towne Portsmouth at 12:30 p.m. Dave Norman will chair the program. On Jan. 4 Mary Lou Miller of H&R Block will be the guest speaker. She will discuss taxes. On Jan. 11, Jim Jarrett, ODU athletic director, will talk about ODU athletics.

Joe Law will speak on Jan. 18 on the 12 presidents who visited the NNS, and the Honorable E. Preston Grissom will speak Jan. 25 on the Great Bridge Battlefield and Waterways Historical Foundation.

Registration held

Registrations are being taken for the Women's Winter Conference to be held at Virginia Beach United Methodist Church, 19th Street and Pacific Avenue, Jan. 19-20.

Janice Chaffee of Nashville, widely known in the gospel music industry, will be the guest speaker.

The conference will also include an introduction to "Breaking Free," a winter Bible study for women and "Rainbow Connection," an event for children of conference attendees.

For fees, registration and further information, call 428-7727 or 481-4828.

Celebrity roast

The Portsmouth Schools Foundation announces its third annual Celebrity Roast Jan. 12 at the Holiday Inn in Old Towne Portsmouth.

Featured in this year's roast is G. Robert Aston Jr., First Citizen of Portsmouth.

The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a cash bar. Dress is black tie, optional.

Tickets are \$55 and must be purchased prior to Jan. 5 by calling the Portsmouth Schools Foundation at 393-5356. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the programs of the Portsmouth Schools Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

City's financial state — healthy

Records show revenues at a 7.9 percent increase over last year's mark

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

The 2000 comprehensive annual financial report for Virginia Beach shows the city is doing well.

Finance Director Patricia A. Phillips reported to City Council at a work session that the financial records for the year ended June 30 was given an unqualified (clean) opinion by the city's auditors KPMG Peat Marwick.

General governmental revenues from local, state and federal sources increased 7.9 percent over fiscal year 1999. The local share, the bulk from general property taxes, increased to \$577.8 million or by 7.9 percent.

The commonwealth contribution was \$338.6 million, an 8.1 percent increase and the federal government share, 65.5 million, an increase of 6.9 percent.

The general property tax rose to \$354.5 million, an

increase of \$28.6 million over the previous year or 8.8 percent, the highest increase in local tax sources.

Phillips said that the increase in the property tax revenues was the result of "a lot of new projects."

Of the \$54.8 million in undesignated fund balance, one million was appropriated for gain sharing, leaving \$53.6 million to cover the city's policy of maintaining a fund balance at least 75 percent of the subsequent year's debt service and \$200,000 above the policy.

Although the schools did not achieve the estimated revenues, expenditures were less (actual expenditures were \$467.2 million compared to \$467.9 budgeted for a \$19.7 million difference) excess revenues amounted to \$9.7 million.

Added to that, \$3.9 million in additional revenues for the school division based on actual general fund

revenues, the total excess amounted to \$13.6 million. That money will be used for school projects.

The undesignated general fund balance represents 9.1 percent of revenues which is lower than the city has maintained for many years. Part of the fund has been used to fund needed capital projects.

Also, with the successful completion of Lake Gaston, the higher balance is no longer needed.

The Tourism Growth Investment Fund (TGIF) experienced higher revenues for the year \$11.3 million compared to \$10.6 in 1999, but also higher expenditures and transfers so that the fund balance on June 30 was \$1.5 million compared to \$4.1 million in 1999.

The TGIF is made up of special taxes on hotel rooms

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Yule Log tradition still alive

Mayor, residents gather at Adam Thoroughgood House

By Bob Rueggsegger
Correspondent

Seventeenth-century English Yuletide tradition remains a tradition at the historic Adam Thoroughgood House in Virginia Beach. Overseers decked the hall, parlor and great room with sprigs of holly and pine roping to accent the holiday theme.

Yuletide decking authentically crafted with the evergreens and other natural materials demonstrated how the 17th English colonists in Virginia would have decorated their homes. The aroma of pine filled the ancient house with a fresh, clean scent. Of course, the traditional evergreen wreaths hung on the doors.

The Yule log, a boar's head platter and the wassail-bowl have been hallmarks of a traditional English Christmas since the 13th century.

The established holiday practices in England were naturally transported to the colonies in America. During the 17th-century in colonial Virginia, the ceremonial lighting of the Yule log marked the beginning of the Christmas season for English colonists in American as well as for their countrymen in England.

Bringing in the Yule log was a joyous event, one in which the whole family was involved. A tree was felled, quartered and one section was set aside and decorated with evergreens.

"Traditionally, in 17th century America, the Yule log was brought in on Christmas eve," explained Vicki Harvey, a Virginia Beach museum educator. "They would go out and find a really big tree, chop the tree down, and cut out a very large section."

"It was brought into the house on Christmas eve, and the youngest member of the family would pour some wine over it in the form of a blessing," she said. "They would put it in the fireplace and light it very ceremoniously."

True to 17th-century English tradition, the Yule log, a large section of tree decorated with evergreens was ceremoniously hauled into a fire pit on the grounds of the Adam Thoroughgood House and set afire to mark the beginning of the Christmas season.

While the Princess Anne High School Madrigals sang Christmas carols, young Nick and Brinley Broomfield anointed the Yule log, with wine, and Mayor



ANNOUNCING THE LOG. Nick and Brinley Broomfield pour wine on the yule log to ignite the fire, a 17th century English tradition. Residents from across the city joined in the festivity at the Adam Thoroughgood House. —Photo by Bob Rueggsegger

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Instructor publishes computer textbook

By Jason Norman
Correspondent

PORTSMOUTH — Ann Ambrose is as excited as any of her students about Christmas break.

Ambrose, a 22-year veteran instructor at Tidewater Community College in Portsmouth, will have the chance to review a computer science textbook she wrote for middle school students.

Her textbook, entitled "Computer Concepts and Basics," was published in August by Southwestern Publishing Company and is already in use throughout the United States, soon to be worldwide.



Ambrose

"There wasn't a book on the market for middle school students, only for high school," said Ambrose, who specializes in computer application and business courses. "In this, they learn about all sorts of basic computer techniques and other information."

Delores Pasins of Tampa Community College in Tampa, Fla., was Ambrose's co-author. Despite their collaboration, the relationship between the two wasn't exactly face-to-face.

"I never actually met Delores," Ambrose said. "We talked on the phone, and we e-mailed to each other, but we never met."

That small fact didn't influence the work between the duo.

"We got along fine. Our writing styles were a little different at first, but we gathered together to create a flow for the book," she said. "You can't tell that it was written by two authors."

Although this is her first textbook, Ambrose has been published several times.

"I've written several computer simulations for high school students and secretaries before," she said. "But this is my first book."

Ambrose was asked to write the book by Southwestern Publishing Company. But, she insists, there are more people

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Public concerns about roads sought

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission places up computer surveys

By Bobbie Whitehead
Editor

Area planners have tried just about everything to get public opinion on road and highway problems.

With public meetings and hearings typically yielding small crowds, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission has decided to bring the forums to the people — in their spare time.

With two recently installed kiosks, consisting of a computer monitor that highlights city maps with intersections, Hampton Roads residents can, at their leisure, comment on trouble spots they encounter.

"We have been trying aggressively for the past 10 years to find ways to disseminate information to the public well ahead of the making of critical decisions," said Dwight Farmer, HRPDC deputy execu-

tive director of transportation. "We have to be careful that not everybody has a way to get to a public meeting."

The commission has placed advertisements in newspapers, held public meetings and mailed thousands of newsletters to residents' homes.

"We've had modest success," he said.

Now, the commission will try computerized surveys placed in various locations. "Eventually, we want them to cover a wide variety of public sites," said Farmer, adding that the commission has Wal-Mart and Kmart in mind.

The commission placed a touch screen kiosk at the Patrick Henry Mall on the Peninsula and one at the Virginia Beach Central Library.

The kiosks have easy-to-read questions with a series of maps that allow partici-



WITH A TOUCH. DeeDee Taylor, Virginia Beach Central Library librarian, touches the computer screen to answer questions. —Photo by Bobbie Whitehead

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Commentary

Holiday X's out war

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is based on an eyewitness account of an incident that occurred the day before Christmas on the Western Front during World War I:

As if by some miracle, the shelling stopped and mortar and rifle fire ceased.

Only silence...

But the stillness was broken by men of the North Staffordshire Regiment who exchanged "words of good cheer" with the enemy. Men from Britain and Germany talked to one another across No Man's Land!

A British officer suggested a Volkslied (folk song).

The German sang...

Everyone agreed to a truce until midnight of Christmas Day.

Both sides cut through the barbed wire and walked in each other's trenches, exchanging food and talking and photographing one another.

Some German soldiers sang "Home Sweet Home" followed by a hymn.

In another part of the trenches, some German soldiers left their positions to offer Christmas greetings to a group of Scots. An officer tried to stop them, but the German said, "But this is Christmas..."

No one would or could stop the brotherhood of Christmas.

And at midnight, both Germans and Britons fired warning shots as if to say, "Return to the trenches behind your own lines."

Gradually, the business of trying to kill the enemy returned to normal. But the soldiers of both sides knew that Christmas is not a normal time. It can X out war, if only for a day.

Merry Christmas

It's time to relax, enjoy and recuperate. The Christmas gifts are under the tree and the stockings are full. The worst part of Christmas is over.

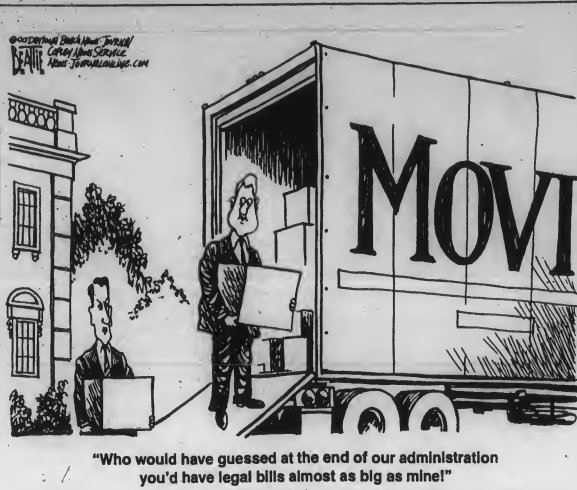
But the best part, the reason many of us look forward to the season, is the quality family time we are able to spend together.

For one day there is no basketball practice, no piano lessons, no rushing to the office. The only commitment many of us will keep on Christmas day this year is attending the worship service of our choice.

Other than that, we will all do our part to make sure the turkey or ham is cooked with care and carved with the same. We will, of course, eat more than our fair share of food on this the greatest holiday of them all.

Take some time to sit back and survey your family gathering and count your blessings. Take into consideration others in our country and the world who are not as fortunate as those of us in America.

From all of us at Beyerly Publications, we wish each and every one of our readers a very merry Christmas! — J.D.H.



Letter to the editor

Taxpayers have no input on Channel 48

Editor:
Who owns Channel 48, Chesapeake's public access TV channel? Mark Cox, Sid Oman, Cox Cable or the citizens of Chesapeake? We the taxpayers are the sponsors, but just how much input do we have, other than our cash?

You cannot receive Channel 48 on the dish, or with an antenna. There are areas in the city that are not in Cox's service area, with no access just tax bills. Equal protection under the law doesn't seem to apply in all cases.

If you live in Cox's service area but have no money in your budget for cable, after paying the local tax of 25 percent that this city imposes on our phone bill each month, you might want to buy a video tape of a City Council meeting made possible by Channel 48 and your tax dollars, then again you might not when you see the price tag of \$27.

That reminds me since I don't have city water in my neighborhood, I'll have to find out the price I would be charged to purchase a gallon of water from the multi-million dollar water treatment plant that I

helped to fund with all the taxes I have paid since we became the city of Chesapeake in 1963.

But going back to the Channel 48 ripoff — if you have a working TV, Cox Cable access, money to pay the prevailing cable rate, you, too, can watch your tax dollars at work. Notice cable rate subject to increase at any time. Those on a fixed income should read the small print.

The city of Richmond broadcasts its City Council on PBS Channel 57, so anyone in the area may see the meeting without paying a cable company. There should be a law on the books about having to pay a cable company to watch politicians waste our taxes on TV.

Chesapeake is not the only city in Hampered Roads sold out to cable, maybe if there isn't enough sponsorship (tax dollars) in this city to put Channel 48 on the air, the other cities in the area could join together. Like they did to drain Lake Gaston.

Gene Leis Sr.
Chesapeake

Equal protection begins at home

It's not just in Florida where obtaining an accurate count of votes cast is a serious problem. Virginia's voting system is equally a jumbled mess of confusing and multiple types

of ballots and outdated voting equipment, not to mention numerous allegations of voting irregularities every national election. And nothing has been done about it to this day.

Right here in Hampton Roads, the cities of Norfolk, Virginia Beach and Chesapeake still use the inaccurate punch card machines. In fact, the Commonwealth authorizes as many as 11 types of voting machines plus paper ballots statewide. Only Northern Virginia has the benefit of the accuracy of the optical scanner system.

And, what do you think are Virginia's standards for recounting votes in a close statewide election? You guessed it — there are none. For once, Virginia's control by one party (that causes it to be totally ignored by the candidates in every presidential election) worked to its benefit. If the Commonwealth rather than Florida held the presidency in the balance, we, rather than they, would be the laughing stock of the world.

Last week 17 Democratic legislators asked Governor Gilmore to put into the state budget funds to help

localities modernize their voting equipment. The Governor refused, claiming that voting is an expense that must be borne solely by the localities.

Surprise, surprise! Once again the state refuses to meet the needs of its citizens. Sadly, we are very used to the dereliction of their duty by our state officials. Considering that uniform standards and accurate voting machines are only paramount when Virginia conducts a "statewide" election, it is outrageous that Governor Gilmore has once again passed the buck to our cash-strapped localities.

Phooey to all the Republican spin that they support government which is closest to the people. Democratic Administrations never ignored the genuine needs of our localities like their Republican counterparts have done for the past eight years. Gilmore's refusal to aid the localities to modernize voting machines is just the latest example of the deaf ear we always receive from our state house. Just add it to the Gilmore Administration's refusal to support funding school construction and modernization, adequate roads and infrastructure, and denying our localities the impact fees needed to manage growth, et cetera.

But nothing takes the hypocrisy cake more than the Gilmore Administration when it comes to statewide standards for balloting and recounting votes. After all, Attorney General Mark Easley submitted a "amicus brief" on behalf of Virginia to the U.S. Supreme Court supporting the Bush Campaign's claim that unless all ballots are uniform and subject to specific standards in a statewide election, the voters' equal protection rights under Article 4 of the U.S.

Constitution are denied to them.

I'm glad the governor and our attorney general are so concerned with the equal protection rights of Floridians, but you would think they would care at least as much about the Virginia voters whom they are supposed to represent.

After all, Virginia has the same general standard as Florida does, i.e., the "intent of the voter" to be determined by a three-judge panel, county by county. There are no statewide standards for how to assess our intended chads, hanging chads, et cetera.

Now that the Gilmore Administration has won their argument before the U.S. Supreme Court that lack of uniform ballots and statewide standards violates the U.S. Constitution equal protection clause, you would think their first step would be to demand a change in Virginia's law to comport with that requirement. But, no!

In fact, the Gilmore Administration and the Republican legislators do not even support the bill being introduced by Democratic State Senator Emily Couric in the next session seeking to set such statewide standards. Instead, they want to study the matter.

What's to study! There are eleven different types of voting machines, all with different types of ballots, and no specific standards whatsoever. That is obviously a violation of the equal protection clause in any statewide election on its face.

After all, the Gilmore Administration helped win that ruling from the Rhenquist Court. Now, the least they can do is to find the resources to stop their own state from violating the equal protection rights of its citizens!

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It's time to move on, America

"Turn out the light, the party's over."

George W. Bush will become the 43rd president of the United States. Naturally, I am elated, but I also feel drained from the events of the last five weeks. I have never made any pretense about my feelings towards the Clinton-Gore administration, which was in my opinion the most obscene, self-serving in the history of this country.

It will be years before we know what a negative impact these two had on America.

Clinton is still under investigation by the special prosecutor and could be indicted for perjury at any time. Gore had close ties with the Russians in their sales of a submarine and nuclear parts to Iran. His relationship with the Communist Chinese has also raised some questions in the Senate.

I must say that it was difficult for me to understand how Gore, knowing what Clinton did to the intern in the Oval Office, could stand in the Rose Garden at the White House and raise Clinton's arm in the air and call him "one of the greatest presidents in history" 15 minutes after he had been impeached.

Gore stuck with Clinton like white on rice until he decided to run for the presidency, then he dropped him like a hot potato.

Gore blames his loss of the race on dimpled chads, hanging chads, butterfly ballots, the Supreme Court and just about everything else he can think of. But if he had won Tennessee, his home state, or even his buddy's state of Arkansas, he would have won the electoral vote. There is something wrong when a politician cannot carry his own home state.

Unlike many of the bleeding hearts, I was not taken in by Gore's concession speech because I can't be sure which Gore was talking; he changes from one minute to the next.

I doubt that he will do anything to help president-elect George W. Bush. To the contrary I expect him to do everything he can to sabotage President Bush's administration.

When Clinton and Gore came into office eight years ago, I lowered the little American flag that sits on my desk to half staff.

On the day that George Bush is sworn in, I will raise it to full staff once again.

After having said all of the above, I do have some compassion for Al Gore and his family. They suffered the same as the Bush family.

It is my fervent hope that this country can now move on and do what is best for all its citizens. George Bush took Jesse Jackson's advice and "kept his eyes on the prize."

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By Allen Smith

"It is well to remember that the entire population of the universe, with one trifling exception, is composed of others." — John Andrew Holmes

Some of us spend too much time thinking about ourselves and too little time thinking about others. Certainly we as individuals are important, but we are neither more important nor less important than others.

We are all sailing the same ship, and none of us are capable of making life's journey alone. It takes the combined efforts of all of us to keep the ship afloat.

Some of us attempt solo trips, seeking our own fame and fortune, without concern for others. But sooner or later we all realize our in-

adequacy and how dependent we are on others. We live in such a specialized world today that none of us are self-sufficient economically or socially.

We depend on others to produce our food, clothing and almost everything else. We depend on others to defend our nation, discover cures for our illnesses, keep domestic peace, protect our environment, solve social problems and so much more.

We may play small roles in some of these areas, but what we can do as individuals alone is very limited.

Many of us believe that a part of our purpose in life is to reduce the suffering of others and make this world a better place for everybody. If we all worked toward that end, the world would change so dramati-

cally that we would hardly recognize it.

But, unfortunately, too many people are all wrapped up in themselves and do little to help others. What makes some people so selfish while others are so generous and sharing? Science has been unable to answer that question. It certainly has nothing to do with need.

We find both selfish and unselfish people at all economic levels. Some of the richest people continue to seek added wealth no matter how much they have, while other wealthy people share their resources with the less fortunate.

Teamwork is equally important in the game of life. The more we work as a team, the better off we will be as individuals and as a society.

Think about it.

Beach schools are "going the distance"

If there is a single watchword for the future of education, it is "technology." The Virginia Beach School Board and superintendent, with the support of City Council, are committed to keeping



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyer Oberdorf

Not only is the distance learning technology itself cutting edge, so, too, are the teachers who have volunteered to be trailblazers in this challenging new teaching modality.

ness Law; Theater Appreciation; and advanced placement classes in Physics, Statistics and Art History.

Not only is the distance learning technology itself cutting edge, so, too, are the teachers who have volunteered to be trailblazers in this challenging new teaching modality. They have had to learn not only how to use and manipulate the equipment, but also how to teach and hold their students' interest in a whole new way.

Although enhancing student achievement and opportunity is the primary focus of Virginia Beach schools' distance learning program, plans are in the works to expand its use. Some of the possibilities being explored include "virtual" student interviews with admissions personnel at colleges and universities; personnel recruitment interviews with prospective teachers in other states; staff training and development; city-wide school programs or staff meetings; and enrichment programs for students. And while distance learning is currently available only in the high schools, eventually the school division hopes to make it available in the city's middle schools, as well.

As you can see, the possibilities for distance learning are endless, and it is all very exciting. The citizens of Virginia Beach should be very proud of the technological innovations being pursued by our school division and the opportunities they present to the city's 78,000 students. As you know, the school division's slogan is "Ahead of the Curve." The distance learning program is just one of many ways in which they are making it so.

Karen Gulbranson, APR Media and Communications for Virginia Beach City Public Schools, contributed to this column.

Orchestra hosts sing along

In keeping with its 18 year tradition, the Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra will host the annual "Messiah Sing Along," giving the Tidewater community another chance to participate in the great masterpiece of George F. Handel.

The Sing-Along, which is free and open to all interested singers will be held at the Pavilion Theatre Saturday, Dec. 23, at 8 p.m. (There are no tickets or reservations; the event is strictly held on a first-come, first-served basis.)

The "Messiah Sing-Along" will feature soloist Martha Catihamelova (soprano), Lisa Refalo Coston (alto), Douglas Lynch (tenor) and Steve Kelley (bass). And, as in most sing-along events throughout the country, it will spotlight the audience as the chorus.

David S. Kunkel, the Virginia Beach Symphony's music director, will direct the orchestra and featured soloists, and Mark Hudgins will direct the audience (the chorus).

It has been requested that audience members provide their own music and are prepared to sing all of the choruses in Part I as well as the Hallelujah Chorus. (Music for Handel's "Messiah" may be obtained from any music store and/or will be available for purchase at the Sing-Along.)

For more information, please call the Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra office, 671-8611. Jason DeVon Clark of Virginia Beach achieved Honor Roll for the second six weeks of the 2000-2001 school year at Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham.

White inducted in UNC Chapel Hill Phi Beta Kappa honor society

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Rebekah Ruth White, daughter of B. Kirke and Janet S. White of 5417 Court Turf Rd., was one of 157 students inducted by the University of North Carolina Phi Beta Kappa at Chapel Hill, the nation's highest academic honorary society.

Phi Beta Kappa is open to undergraduates in the College of Arts and Sciences and professional degree programs who meet stringent academic requirements.

White, a junior music and biology major, completed 75 graded

hours of UNC-CH academic course work — not including physical education — with at least a 3.75 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale).

For admission as a senior, a student must have completed at least 105 hours — not including physical education — with a 3.65 average. Those hours must include at least 45 graded (not pass/fail) hours taken at UNC-CH. Grades earned at other universities are not considered in figuring averages.

Revenues at Beach are up

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(2 percent), restaurant meals (1/2 percent) and the amusement tax (10 percent and 5 percent), and other taxes such as parking tickets designated for tourism-related projects.

Phillips also announced that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has announced changes in accounting statements

which, Phillips said, will be far reaching.

Local governments will be required to change their method of accounting to full accrual beginning in fiscal 2001-2002 which will show in one place all of the city's operations. Depreciation, infrastructure and maintenance on this infrastructure will be reflected in these financials, she said, and will be a major departure from current practice.

Up close and personal

Nelson Badeaux Jr.: Bringing Christmas cheer

By Bobbie Whitehead

Editor

Nelson Badeaux Jr. typically finds himself stuffed at Christmas.

That is, the 48-year-old father puts on a white wig, a red suit and fills it up with whatever it takes to build his waist to a size 40.

Since he's assumed the persona of Santa Claus every Christmas since 1984, he's become pretty thrifty at finding just the right sort of items needed to give him the desired look.

"I started dressing up as Santa for my children," said Badeaux, assistant manager at the Food Lion on Battlefield Boulevard. "I build all of my props from scraps."

And since Badeaux has chocolate colored eyes, he wears blue contacts, so he'll look like the Santas shown in children's books.

But Badeaux has asked a twist to his duty as Santa. Since storybooks depict Santa giving toys to good children, Badeaux wants to live up to Claus's true character.

From his Food Lion booth, he's able to talk to kids about their bad habits and misbehaving.

Badeaux wears a wireless headset under his cap and wig. This way, when his elves, also wired, talk to the parents, he learns the children's names, what they've done naughtily, if anything, and what they want for Christmas.

One of his elves, Nicky McPherson, asks the parents a number of personal questions before the children get to talk to Santa.

"Once I hear the name, I call them over," he said. "I tell them it's been so long since I've seen them and how big they've grown."

If the parents tell McPherson that their son or daughter fights at school or doesn't do his or her chores, Badeaux comes to the rescue.

"I tell them they really have to earn their Christmas presents," he said. "I've told children they have to stop sucking their thumbs, to clean their rooms and to stop fighting at school."

The children do, however, get to tell him what's on their wish list.

"At first, I think they're shocked when I talk to them," Badeaux said. "You see this glow in their eyes because they believe Santa is really watching them. They can relate to me. Then, they get really excited because they think I know a lot more about them."

For Badeaux, that moment makes his day. He's enjoyed performing as characters for children since his own were tots.

He's dressed as Big Bird from Sesame Street and as Capt. Hook from "Peter Pan."

"I get a lot of joy out of it," Badeaux said. "Santa has the power to make some positive changes in the kids' lives."

For his props, he's set up milk crates wrapped in paper to serve as gifts, and he used a garden arch with lights for Santa's nook.

"Once you put all the pieces together, it looks like a nice Christmas scene," he said.

Since his beginnings as the man from the North Pole, Badeaux has probably spent about \$250 on his supplies.

For the past two weekends, Badeaux has dressed as the Santa at Food Lion, charging a \$5 donation for parents who want pictures of their children.

All money raised goes to the Children's Miracle Network.

Name: Nelson J. Badeaux Jr.

What brought you to this area: Job downsized. My brother convinced me to come



here.

Hometown: New Orleans, LA.

Age: 48.

Nickname: None.

Occupation: Assistant Manager of Food Lion.

Marital Status: Divorced.

Children: Jayme, 20, a college student; and Michael, 17, a high school student.

Favorite movies: "Patriot," "Saving Private Ryan," and "Jurassic Park."

Favorite magazines: Computers, Forbes, and Time.

Favorite authors: Stephen King and Colen Doyle.

Favorite night out on the town: Anywhere with good friends.

Favorite restaurant: Olive Garden, Applebee's Neighborhood Grill.

Favorite meal: Any real Cajun food, root beer.

What most people don't know about me: I'm very shy until I get to know a person; I'm old fashioned and a hopeless romantic.

Best thing about myself: Honest,

hard working and very creative.

Worst habit: Biting my nails.

Pets: I am partial to dogs, but like all pets.

Hobbies: I swim, play tennis, golf, bowl, shoot pool, stay on the computer, cook, dance, sing, play the guitar, fish and watch movies.

Ideal vacation: Hawaii, Sweden, the Riviera and the Bahamas.

Pet peeves: People who call on the phone and don't say anything, people who mistreat a child; and men who hit women.

First job: Grocery store.

Least liked job: Insurance sales.

Favorite sports teams: Saints, Bulls and Braves.

Favorite musicians: Shania Twain, Garin Brooks, Elvis and Faith Hill.

How I would like to be remembered: That I was able to leave to those who were special in my life a love that never dies. And that I made a difference for a better quality of life. That I was a good father and husband.

If I received \$1 million: First, I'd help those who helped me when times were tough. Second, I'd provide a college fund for my kids. Third, I'd pay off all my bills, and last, I'd buy a home.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: Can't think of a thing.

Kiosk set up for traffic complaints



NAMING THE ROAD PROBLEMS. The kiosk at the Virginia Beach Central Library enables residents to list problem roads.

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parts of the survey to identify what areas pose travel problems to them.

The computer also offers a touch screen keyboard allowing for keyed in comments. Citizens can also find out the status of major transportation projects throughout Hampton Roads.

Participants are asked basic questions such as their age, city of residence, what kind of quality of life they want and at what intersections they have problems.

The computer compiles the information.

"We're really doing this to get more input," said Regina Lucas HRPDC public communications administrator. "We're trying to get more grassroots public input on where they have problems and how they feel about paying for these."

In the past, the commission has held public meetings to find out "Nobody comes to public meetings," she said. "We're just trying different ways to get information out to people."

Since the HRPDC plans transportation projects 20 years in advance, it needs to know what's important to the public and if residents are willing to pay for some of these changes, she said.

Information collected from the surveys will be compiled and used as part of the Regional Transportation Planning process. Results will also be provided to the Metropolitan Planning Organization, local governments, the public and other agencies.

Beach clinic receives \$40,000 grant award

NORFOLK — The Sentara Health Foundation has awarded \$154,000 in grant money to support community programs and services in Hampton Roads. This recent disbursement brings the total amount of monies awarded by the foundation during the past two years to more than \$1 million.

The organizations that received grants included: Beach Health Clinic - \$40,000 to direct assistance to uninsured/underinsured, impoverished adults living in Virginia Beach who have no means to purchase prescription medications for acute and chronic conditions.

Chesapeake Care Free Clinics - \$28,500 to increase access to dental care for uninsured families.

Britt joins Sussex

Harry L. Davis, III, president of Sussex Development Corporation, is pleased to announce the addition of William Britt as project manager to Sussex Development Corporation.

Britt was previously with Smithfield Engineering, a Division of Smithfield Foods.

Sussex Development Corporation is located in Virginia Beach and has been assisting clients for ten years with Land Planning & Development, General Construction and Construction Management.

Log felling tradition alive at Beach



17TH CENTURY FLAIR. Rich Keffer of Flying Bark Morris Dancers leads in the Yule Log Ceremony. —Photo by Bob Ruegger

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Meyera Oberndorf offered an appropriate toast. Thoroughgood House visitors over the weekend tossed sprigs of holly onto the burning Yule log.

Traditionally, the Yule log was lit on Christmas Eve with a fragment, or brand, from the Yule log of the preceding year and kept burning through the twelve days of Christmas until the Epiphany. Family members, as well as guests, touched the log with sprigs of holly "as a symbolic gesture for the banishment of their woes."

"It was the job of the youngest member in the household to make sure that the Yule stayed lit until it was extinguished on Twelfth Night," Harvey said. "They always had to cut a piece of wood out of the Yule log from last year, and they took care of that piece all year long."

"They kept it and that's what they started the new log with. It was to continue all the good fortune throughout the rest of the year," she explained.

Music, food, toasts and drink were all part of the ceremony. A song, poem and prayer were also generally included:

*"Come with a noise,
My merry, merrie boys,
The Christmas Log to the Firing!"*

While my good dame bids ye all

*be free
And drink to your heart's desiring.
With last year's brand
Light the new block and
For good success in his spending
On your psalms play,
That sweet luck may
Come while the log is attending!"*

Great care was made to keep the Yule log burning throughout the Christmas season. It was widely believed that evil might befall a family whose fire burned out during the twelve days. Traditionally, a solemn prayer was recited by the oldest family member as the log was being lit:

*"As this log burns, we pray
that it may destroy all hatred
and misunderstandings, and we pray
that
this fire might warm the cold,
that the hungry might gain food,
the weary find rest, and all enjoy
Heaven's peace."*

In Colonial Virginia in homes such as the Thoroughgood House, the fireplace was the focus of family life, especially in the winter when the hearth provided warmth, light and fire for cooking. Those who witnessed the Yule log ceremony at the Adam Thoroughgood House left with a glimpse of what Christmas was like in 17th century Virginia.



CHANTING TO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT. Mayor Meyera Oberndorf joins carolers at the Yule Log Ceremony. —Photo by Bob Ruegger



New faces

Dr. Miriam Freeman joins the Princess Anne Elementary School staff as a counselor. Freeman moves into the position just in time for the Christmas, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah ceremonies. —Photo by Chris McClenny

Cape Henry to build new school

Hathaway-Duke Construction Company of Virginia Beach received a contract to build the new lower school addition and gymnasium addition at Cape Henry Collegiate School in Virginia Beach.

square-foot addition to the existing gymnasium. The total construction cost of the project is approximately \$5 million. The architectural firm of Tymoff and Moss, architects from Norfolk, provided the design work for the building.

Construction will begin immediately with completion scheduled for September.

Ambrose has new book

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reasons for her new creation.

"I enjoy writing, and I've always wanted to write a textbook," she said. "I feel really proud when I see or hear about students using my book; it's really exciting. It's nice to know that they're learning from my work."

Teaching and writing aren't the only activities in the life of TCC's latest author. Ambrose once served on a Virginia Department of Education task force, aiding the business education curriculum, and she is a past president of the Virginia Business Education Association.

Ambrose has also received recog-

nition from students and faculty.

She received the Student's Choice Award, presented to an instructor that the students voted for. This is an award she's won several times, and she's won several teaching awards from TCC.

Even if others find Ambrose good at what she does, she'll be the first to say teaching computer classes isn't always easy.

But it's something that she wouldn't trade for anything.

"The best part of this is seeing a light bulb go off in a student's head," she said. "Often, when students come in here, they're scared to death. They think that they might break the computer. But they realize that they can do this, and they get excited. I get a lot of satisfaction out of things like that."

Singers to perform at White House

The Doorway Singers will again showcase their trademark harmonies at the National Christmas Pageant of Peace in Washington.

The Hampton Roads vocal ensemble, known for its performances of period and specialty productions, has been invited by the White House Liaison section of the National Parks Service to appear at the 2000 celebration. The annual holiday festival began Dec. 11 with the lighting of the National Christmas Tree, and continues through Dec. 31. The prestigious event features top national and regional performers on the Mall in the shadow of the White House.

The singers were first invited to participate in 1999, and following their appearance Dec. 26, were asked by the event directors to return in 2000. Despite sub-freezing temperatures and a brisk wind, hundreds of visitors to the capital gathered by the stage to enjoy the warm harmonies and polished presentation of Yuletide favorites.

The Doorway Singers, under the direction of John Ickes of Virginia Beach, is a 12-voice troupe that presents a broad spectrum of musical productions throughout the year. Boasting a 14-program repertoire, they regularly appear in Virginia Beach as part of the Beach Street, USA civic entertainment program. The Boxwood Inn at Lee Hall, the city of Roanoke's "Dickens of a Christmas" celebration and in regional parks and recreation events, the Neptune Festival and concerts. The group features sopranos, Beverly English and Michele Terry; altos, Cynthia Willett, Renée Howard and Becky Watson; tenors, John Rooney, John Barnes and John Ickes and bass/baritone, James Dussault, Bill Diller, Orlando Smith and Lee Harris.

Ickes said that the 1999 appearance was a highlight of their holiday season.

"We have a delightfully full schedule this time of year," he noted. "But the Pageant of Peace

was a really special event. It was very cold out there, and everyone in the audience was wrapped in coats and blankets. Still, they responded to each number and called us back for several encores. After we left the stage, we spent another half hour posing for pictures. From the looks of things, I'd say our smiling, happy faces are probably plastered on refrigerators worldwide."

Their performance this year will include several familiar pieces as well as lesser-known numbers he said.

"We'll do some Wassail songs, 'Good King Wenceslas' and others. We'll also add 'Pat-a-Pan,' and our highlight number, a medley of the Austrian carol 'Still, Still, Still,' and the French 'Minuit, Chrétiens'...in German and French," Ickes said. "And 'Carol of the Bells'...I'd face a mutiny if we didn't!"

The Doorway Singers' appearance is Tuesday, Dec. 26 at 7 p.m. Contact them, 463-6341.



Holiday Parade

The Princess Anne Middle School band recently visited Williamsburg to participate in a holiday parade. Jackie Kerr, from left, Jackie Noel and Thomas "Panther" Baumgardner, hold the school banner. —Photo by Bob Ruegger

Merry Christmas



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Church opens in new parish

Spring Branch Community Church will open for the first services in its new building on Christmas Eve.

Services will be held at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The church is located at 1500 North Great Neck Rd.

SBCC is a non-denominational church and members of the Willow Creek Association, a network of 5,600 churches in 23 countries representing 90 denominations.

When Spring Branch first opened in 1993, services were held at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia. Because of growth, the church then moved to Corporate Landing Middle School in Virginia Beach where it has been meeting for the past two and one-half years.

On Christmas Eve, nursery and pre-school care will be provided through both services. Kindergarten through third grade care will be provided during the 5 p.m. service only.

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Teen-ager charged with Beach shooting

Police have charged a teen-ager in the Dec. 12 shooting of a father. The 16-year-old, whose name was not released because of his age, was charged by the Virginia Beach Police Department with malicious wounding and use of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

A motive for the crime has not been established, police said. The juvenile is being held in the Tidewater Detention Home without bond.

According to police, three males, one brandishing a firearm, approached a 22-year-old Virginia Beach man and his 7-year-old stepson as they unloaded packages from a gold Nissan Maxima at the 5700 block of Hampshire Lane about 11:30 p.m.

When the man and his son began running, one of the suspects

allegedly fired three shots. One shot struck the father in the back. He was taken to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital and was listed in stable condition Friday, Dec. 15.

Police said the suspects never spoke to the victim. There is no description available of the suspects, and the identities of the victims were not released.

The case is under investigation by the Homicide squad with Det. Chris Molleken heading the investigation.

Anyone with information on the case should call Virginia Beach Crime Solvers at 1-888-LOCK-UP, or the Virginia Beach Police Detective Bureau at 427-4101.

Callers are never asked for their names and can receive up to a \$1,000 reward if the information leads to an arrest.

MILITARY UPDATE

McInnis

Army Sgt. Jolay McInnis has graduated from the Army Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course (BNCO) at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

The soldier received training in mid-level management, leadership and general military subjects. Additional management training is provided in the noncommissioned officer's job specialty.

McInnis is an accounting technician with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. McInnis of Hendrix Drive. The sergeant is a 1993 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in Norfolk.

O'Melia

Marine Corps Pvt. Robert M. O'Melia, a 1994 graduate of Salem High School in Virginia Beach, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

O'Melia successfully completed 12 weeks of training.

In addition to the physical conditioning program, O'Melia spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

O'Melia and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Mariners" for the first time since boot camp began.

Kid Rock to perform at Scope

Kid Rock will perform at the Scope in Norfolk Jan. 21. Tickets will be made available to all military personnel and their families at half price. Prior to the show, Kid Rock plans to visit the military base in hopes of personally thanking the men and women of the USS Cole. Kid Rock will donate his profits from the show to the surviving families of the USS Cole (Navy Marine Corps Relief Society).

When the damaged USS Cole was leaving Yemen, it was reported that the sailors cheered as the American flag was hoisted to "The Star Spangled Banner".

After the national anthem an upbeat rock song, "American Bad Ass," by Kid Rock was played over the ships' loud speakers. Having heard this occurred during their departure out of Yemen, Kid Rock

offered to perform a special concert. Rock felt this was an opportunity to say thanks to the service men and women who heroically put their lives on the line for our country every day.

Tickets went on sale this past Saturday at the Norfolk Scope box office and all Ticketmaster locations. Tickets are \$27, and all military service personnel with I.D. can purchase tickets at \$13.50. Showtime is 7 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICES

TRUSTEE SALE

3840 Forestwood Court
Virginia Beach, VA
In execution of a Deed of Trust from Marco A. Nickelson and LaChanda P. Nickelson dated September 25, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3666, page 2176, securing a loan which was originally \$87,600.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, on January 12, 2001 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 14, in Block B, as shown on that certain Plat entitled "Plat of Green Run P.U.D. Subdivision, Section H-2, Part 1, Kempville Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia", Tax Map #1486-30-2964-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH. A bidder's deposit of \$8,500.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

pos. Loan Type: VA
NP007793
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE OF
723 Roosevelt Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA 23452.

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$61,000.00, from Kevin L. Shaffer and Jennifer L. Shaffer, Grantor, dated June 10, 1993, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH on June 11, 1993 in Book 3228 at Page 1975, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance of the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, 2305 Judicial Blvd., Virginia Beach, Virginia on 1/9/01 at 8:30 A.M., the property with improvements to wit: All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon situate, lying and being in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and being known, numbered and designated as Lot 14A, Block 16, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Resubdivision of Lots 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, Block 16, and Lots 10, 11, 12 and 13, Block 18, as shown on amended plat of Block 16 and Lot 4, Block 42, as shown on Resubdivision Plat of Block 17 and 18 and a portion of Blocks 15, 16, 42, and 53, and amended plat of Lots 1A and 1B, as shown on Resubdivision of Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13, Block 16, as shown on amended plat of Block 16 and Lot 4, Block 42, Pecan Gardens Subdivision".

And more fully described in the above Deed of Trust. Commonly known as 723 Roosevelt Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23452. Tax ID: 1486-64-7903-0000.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale.

Loan Type: CONV(Trustee # L70415VIR
Substitute Trustee:
DRAPER & GOLDBERG, PLLC
750 Miller Drive, Suite C-1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-7101
Email: kelli@dragold.com
(12/15/00, 12/22/00, 12/29/00, 01/05/01)(28720)

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE OF
5938 Beechwalk Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$83,725.00, from David J. Lee and Stephanie D. Lee, Grantor, dated May 27, 2000, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH on June 6, 2000 in Book 4249 at Page 2063, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance of the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, 2305 Judicial Blvd., Virginia Beach, Virginia on 1/9/01 at 8:30 A.M., the property with improvements to wit: ALL THAT certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon lying, situate, and being in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and being known, numbered and designated as Lot 29, Block Z (emancipated referred to as Block 2 in previous instrument), as shown on that certain plat entitled, "PLAT OF THE VILLAGES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3, PART 1 (FORMERLY PINWOOD VILLAGE), KEMPVILLE BOROUGH, VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA".

And more fully described in the above Deed of Trust. Commonly known as 5938 Beechwalk Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23464. Tax ID: 1465-30-0256-000.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale.

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Loan Type: CONV(Trustee # L70415VIR
Substitute Trustee:
DRAPER & GOLDBERG, PLLC
750 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE OF
913 Marquette Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$35,150.00, from Tara L.

750 Miller Drive, Suite C-1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-7101
Email: kelli@dragold.com
(12/15/00, 12/22/00)(28718)

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE OF
1033 Tall Oak Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$75,500.00, from Harold Leroy Crispin and Justice Elaine Crispin, Grantor, dated October 10, 1989, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH on October 16, 1989 in Book 2863 at Page 1470, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance of the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, 2305 Judicial Blvd., Virginia Beach, Virginia on 1/9/01 at 8:40 A.M., the property with improvements to wit: All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon situate, lying and being in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and being known, numbered and designated as Lot 36, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Timberlake, Section 14, Part 2-A-2".

And more fully described in the above Deed of Trust. Commonly known as 1033 Tall Oak Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. Tax ID: 14769119850000.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale.

Loan Type: CONV(Trustee # L70413VIR
Substitute Trustee:
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Leesburg, Virginia 20175
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Email: kelli@dragold.com
(12/15/00, 12/22/00, 12/29/00, 01/05/01)(28723)

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE OF
2013 Siemsen Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Karen E. Robinson and Vera Mann dated July 29, 1994 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3419, page 1324, securing a loan which was originally \$98,150.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on January 5, 2001 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 26, in Block D, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Charlestown Lakes South Section 1, Part B", Kempville Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia". Tax Map #1464-17-1622-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH. A bidder's deposit of \$9,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.
NP996045

Public Notice

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Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE OF
913 Marquette Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$44,500.00, from Leanna M. Fullard, Grantor, dated September 21, 1990, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH on September 24, 1990 in Book 2940 at Page 1056, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance of the Courthouse for the Circuit Court

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE OF
1433 Deepwood Lane
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$44,500.00, from Leanna M. Fullard, Grantor, dated September 21, 1990, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH on September 24, 1990 in Book 2940 at Page 1056, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance of the Courthouse for the Circuit Court

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Strawhand, Grantor, dated October 14, 1996, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH on October 25, 1996 in Book 3673 at Page 1489, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the main entrance of the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, 2305 Judicial Blvd., Virginia Beach, Virginia on 1/9/01 at 9:10 A.M., the property with improvements to wit: ALL THAT certain lot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon situate, lying and being in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, known, numbered and designated as Lot 64, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "Haven Heights, Section Two (2)", and more fully described in the above Deed of Trust. Commonly known as 913 Marquette Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23464. Tax ID: 1466-33-3981-0000.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale.

Loan Type: CONV(Trustee # L70411VIR
Substitute Trustee:
DRAPER & GOLDBERG, PLLC
750 Miller Drive, Suite C-1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-7101
Email: kelli@dragold.com
(12/15/00, 12/22/00, 12/29/00, 01/05/01)(28724)

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IN OTHER NEWS

Old Cape Henry Lighthouse shines

The Old Cape Henry Lighthouse remains illuminated from 5 to 10 p.m. through Jan. 4.

The lighthouse is owned and operated by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA). It will be officially closed to visitors for the season. The gift shop/visitor's center will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to come out and view the illuminated historical landmark during the holiday season.

Visitors are requested to remain on Atlantic Avenue, the main road through Fort Story and they should be prepared to show a driver's license upon entrance to Fort Story. Parking is available at the lighthouse and in front of the Cape Henry Memorial Cross site.

For additional information contact the Fort Story Public Affairs Office at 422-7101, ext. 230 or Old Cape Henry Lighthouse, 422-9421.

Art Center to hold winter classes

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia is excited to announce its Winter/Spring 2001 studio art class calendar.

Students may choose from a variety of studio art classes in a variety of media, including beginning and intermediate/figure drawing; watercolor, oil and acrylic painting, including traditional realism oil painting classes; pastel; ceramics, including Japanese wheel-throwing classes and Raku; and a number of 35mm and black-and-white photography classes, including a semiprivate option.

Workshops this winter/spring include classes in fused glass and beginning loom weaving.

Art classes to be held for babies, toddlers

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia is proud to offer 1st Art for kids ages 18 months to 5 years. A child's early years are bursting with first: first teeth, first words, first steps and now the center brings you 1st Art.

If you would like to expose your child to his or her "first" art experiences but dread the mess and feel you lack the necessary skills, we invite you to try 1st Art.

Children will explore a wide world of topics and themes through fun studio projects (drawing, painting, printmaking, collage and play sculpture), as well as games and activities in the studios and galleries.

For more information about upcoming classes call the CAC education department at 425-0000 ext. 29. Information, including prices and dates, will be mailed to you.

VBPD officers given John Hanna Award

The Virginia Beach Police Department has announced that the Special Operations DUI Task Force and Master Police Officer Scott E. Wichendahl have been selected to receive the John T. Hanna Award.

The Special Operations DUI Task Force award is entitled, "Task Force Initiatives" and is given for their outstanding efforts in the area of DUI enforcement.

Wichendahl's award is entitled, "Education/Prevention (individual)" and is given for his outstanding contributions in the area of DUI education. Specifically, Wichendahl initiated, designed and implemented Virginia's more than 200 officers from around the state in the detection, apprehension and prosecution of drunken and drugged drivers.

Beach police to get re-accreditation

Chief A.M. Jacobs Jr. has announced that the Virginia Beach Police Department successfully completed its fourth on-site assessment by a group of police professionals from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. (CALEA).

The on-site assessment team, in an October report to the Commission, reported that it would recommend the Virginia Beach Police Department for re-accreditation.



SURVEYING THE SCENE. JoAnn McMurray peers out of the parlor window onto the east lawn of the historic Francis Land House. —Photo by Bob Rueggeger

Colonial decor shares history at the Francis Land House

By Bob Rueggeger

Correspondent

A visit to the Francis Land House gently ushers local devotees of antiquity back to 18th century colonial Virginia, but a call during the holiday season includes an distinct bonus — exceptional holiday decorations.

Through the years, Land House holiday visitors have consistently enjoyed appealing arrangements of Colonial Revival style holiday decorations. Extraordinary outdoor decorations — fruited wreaths and arrangements — annually beguile local guests into repeat visits to the museum house's interior for a hearty draught of holiday spirit and a jigger of nostalgia.

Inspired by Luca della Robbia's encaustic terra cotta art and Grinling Gibbons' artful natural arrangements, the marriage of evergreen wreaths with assorted fruit on outdoor holiday decorations actually began in the early twentieth century.

During the resurgence of the Colonial Revival movement of the 1930's, Colonial Williamsburg adopted the custom and quickly developed it into a folk art form. Today, Colonial Williamsburg's handmade Christmas decorations are universally known for their aes-

thetic use of natural components. Historic houses across Virginia — as well as the nation — have followed Colonial Williamsburg's lead. The enchanting aura and national prestige of the restored colonial capital have persuaded countless 18th century historic sites, including the Land House in Virginia Beach, to imitate the Williamsburg-style holiday decorations that have become associated with America's colonial past.

While outdoor holiday decorations were an element added during the Colonial Revival movement, interior holiday decorations tend to be more authentic to the 18th century colonial Virginia because they mirror documented practices. Inside decorations appealed to the senses — as well as the spirit.

"Natural fruits gave a fragrance to the house during holidays. They made the house smell real fresh," noted George Ashby, a tour guide at the Land House. "They also used holly — the berries added color. They used pine because it gives a lift in the winter time because it's still naturally green. These natural greens lifted the spirit during that time, giving the house a more joyous feeling," Ashby said.

Decorating the house during the holidays was something of a fes-

tive event. Everybody took time to do it, Ashby said.

"Servants helped too. It was a joyous coming together of everyone on the plantation" he said.

The Christmas holiday decorations at the Land House are the handiwork of the Council of Garden Clubs for Virginia Beach. Members of the council provide both the expertise and the materials that go into fabricating the decorations.

"They do a lot of research — coordinating with us — to make sure that what they're doing with the decorations is correct to the period," said Vicki Harvey, museum educator at the Land House. "We're very fortunate. Two weeks ago, while they were decorating the house, we invited the public to come in and learn from them while they were decking the house and working their magic."

"It was fun for the public to see the creations, but also to see the involvement of a great community organization," she said. Each year the Land House holiday embellishments seem more and more spectacular.

Wolf Kahn heads pastel workshop

mation on materials and establishing a rich connection with one's work. Participants bring photographs of images to be translated into pastel. (Photos may be of your own work in another medium). The center will mail registered participants a materials list.

There will be a maximum of 24 students in the class. Students will work in two studios with Kahn moving between the studios. Everyone will meet together for lecture-demonstrations. The cost for center members is \$125 and for nonmembers \$135.

The registration deadline is Jan. 15. Center Studio School policies apply.

Students may register by phone with Visa/MasterCard by calling 425-0000 ext. 29.

Those interested in participating — or in receiving a full schedule of all classes and workshop — may call the education department, 425-0000 ext. 29 for more information.

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia is proud to offer an exciting Master Artist Workshop with Wolf Kahn.

The center is pleased to offer this rare opportunity to study with Kahn in conjunction with his exhibition Wolf Kahn: Fifty Years of Pastels.

A student of Hans Hofmann's and a friend and colleague of the American abstract expressionists, Kahn is one of the most distinguished artists in America, known especially for his exceptional talent in the challenging medium of pastels. His work is in major museum collections throughout the country, including the Museum of Modern Art and the Metropolitan Museum in New York.

In this workshop, Kahn will work with students through demonstrations and drawing exercises on color and color relationships, the imaginative use of the sensuous medium of pastel, technical infor-

Sports festival kicks off

Virginia Beach continues to position itself as "All Kinds of Fun Anytime," and the holidays are no exception.

With the addition of the Holiday Sports Festival, amateur athletes and their families have a new reason to visit the oceanfront resort city during a time that most don't consider a beach trip. Slated for Dec. 27-28 at the Pavilion Convention Center, the event features wrestling and indoor field hockey competition among more than 1,000 athletes.

The wrestling tournament is sanctioned by the Virginia High School League and expects to draw up to 24 teams from across Virginia and other states, including Ohio, New Jersey, North Carolina and Maryland. Girls' indoor field hockey competition will include as many as 16 teams from across the mid-Atlantic.

"The Holiday Sports Festival was created to capitalize on the sports tourism trend and was posi-

tioned on the calendar during a time typically allocated for family travel and not already burdened with sporting events," said Buddy Wheeler, sports marketing coordinator for the city of Virginia Beach. "We plan to grow the event each year by adding one or two additional sports, presenting a more diversified athletic roster to attract potential Virginia Beach visitors."

In addition to the sports competitions, athletes and their families will be treated to a post-event bash featuring music, food and games. Each participant also receives a complimentary pass to Holiday Lights at the Beach, a two-mile light display which illuminates the oceanfront Boardwalk with nearly 500,000 twinkling bulbs.

For more information on the Holiday Sports Festival and visitor information to Virginia Beach, call 437-4702 or 1-800-VA-BEACH (1-800-822-3224) or visit the website www.vbfun.com for online trip planning.

Whale watching trips set

The Virginia Marine Science Museum will host its annual whale watching boat trips from Wednesday, Jan. 3 through Sunday, March 4.

Trips run at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and throughout the day Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays from Jan. 15 and Feb. 19. As a preview to the whale watching season, the museum offers "Holiday Wildlife Boat Trips" which run Wednesday, Dec. 27 through Saturday, Dec. 30 at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

These trips offer all that the regular season enjoys plus. The twilight trips offers an opportunity to

view the city's holiday lights display on the Boardwalk from a waterfront perspective. Holiday Wildlife Boat Trips offer the perfect winter outing for holiday guests.

Leaving from the Virginia Beach Fishing Center at Rudee Inlet, whale watchers will search for juvenile humpback and fin whales in their natural habitat off the coast of Virginia Beach. Whale sightings are not guaranteed.

Each two-hour excursion is narrated by a trained museum interpreter while experienced volunteers show whale artifacts and answer questions.

Rosenberg joins ad firm

Jo Rosenberg has joined the staff of Barker Campbell Farley and Mansfield Advertising, Public Relations and Promotions.

Rosenberg will serve as media relations manager, assisting the company's clients in strategies involving broadcast and print media. Rosenberg's expertise in media relations comes from more than a decade of television and radio writing and producing experience.

Rosenberg was previously employed by many broadcasting entities including WHRO; Hampton Roads Public Broadcasting; KPVI-TV in Pocatello, Idaho; and WAVY-TV in Portsmouth. During her broadcasting career, Rosenberg has written and produced several award-winning programs, including election news coverage and spot

news coverage. She was also nominated for a regional Emmy award in writing and producing and has served as newscast producer and executive news producer for several network affiliate stations.

Rosenberg is a graduate of Norfolk State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mass Communications. She is currently finishing her thesis for a master's degree in organizational communication from Idaho State University. She resides in Hampton.

BCF&M is one of the Southeast's fastest-growing advertising and public relations agencies with a diversified client roster of local, regional and national accounts in the travel/tourism, telecommunications/high technology healthcare and pharmaceutical industries.

Wojnar joins NCAA committee

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has named Rosemont College's Director of Athletics and Head Basketball Coach, Pamela J. Wojnar, to the NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Committee.

The committee is tasked with developing policies and procedures governing the administration and conduct of the NCAA Division III basketball championships.

The committee is comprised of eight members, one member from each of the Division III women's basketball regions. Wojnar will also serve as the chair of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Basketball Advi-

sory Committee.

The appointment comes after Wojnar's selection as the 1999-2000 Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC) Women's Basketball Coach of the Year, and her Ramblers' 1999-2000 turnaround season shattered multiple school records and earned them their first ever PAC playoff berth.

Wojnar, the daughter of retired Rear Admiral and Theodore J. Wojnar, USN, of Virginia Beach, currently resides in Plymouth Meeting, Penn. and also serves as the vice president of the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Pembroke Meadows PTA Reflections Contest Winners were:

■ Music (K - 2), first place, Dylan Fox; Music (3 - 5), first place, Wesley Fox and second place, Nate Pencook.

■ Photography (K - 2), first place, Dylan Fox, second place, Paul Bowman; third place, Jeremy Hamilton and honorable mention, Camera Dumas; Photography (3 - 5), first place, Leah Sanford, second place, Morgan Sellers, third place, Suzanne Lasseigne and honorable mention, Kaylyn MacDonald.

■ Literature (K - 2), first place, Dylan Fox, second place, Byron Weeks, third place Nicole Farnam and honorable mention, Jasmine Pender; Literature (3 - 5), first place, Aden Weeks, second place, Wesley Fox, third place, Kevin Phelps and honorable mention, Eric Solis; Art (K - 2), first place, Dylan Lasseigne, second place, Jason Fox, third place, Jay Patel and honorable mention, Paul Bowman.

■ Art (3 - 5), first place, Danielle Ballard, second place, Wesley Fox, third place, Suzanne Lasseigne and honorable mention, Travis Green, Nate Pencook, Morgan Erisman.

■ The Bettie F. Williams Elementary School held the final class of a parent/student training program Dec. 18 that began five weeks ago with the support of grant funds and community partnerships.

Thirteen families received certificate entitling them to receive reconditioned Windows 95 Multi-Media Computer Systems from Computers for Kids. Computers for Kids is a non-profit organization that receives support from community partners such as Veridian Information Systems.

The grant for this special parent involvement initiative has been

used to provide computer training for thirteen fourth-grade students, and their parents. The training sessions, taught by an instructor from Future Kids, a local technology instruction company, provided 10 hours of training in the Bettie F. Williams computer lab, on Microsoft Word and conducting research on the Internet. A special research project was completed by both the parent and child, for which the child will receive extra credit from their classroom teacher.

Another thirteen computer systems will be given to families who complete the training program in January 2001.

■ Two of Kempville Middle Schools seventh grade English teachers, Kim Cooper and Penny VanDyke, presented a PowerPoint Presentation on "The Elements of Narration - How to read and understand a story" at the city wide meeting. This is a four part presentation which is taught along with a novel, taking about two weeks. It is presented to students in the classroom using the multi-media projector and computer. For more information please contact Kim Cooper or Penny VanDyke at 474-8444.

■ "A Holiday Christmas Carol" will be presented by the Kempville Middle School Drama Club, Thursday at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Call Missy Sullivan, Drama Coach, 474-8444 or Carol Rich, Media Liaison, 474-8444 for more information.

■ Red Mill Elementary School Collects for the "Coats for Kids Drive" collected more than 175 coats. Red Mill Elementary School will be recognized with a certificate of appreciation from WAVY-10 for their participation in this very important community project. Contact Dawn Miller, PTA President, for more information.

■ Red Mill Elementary School

PTA Collects for "Spirit of Giving" has been involved with this very special project for 12 years. The students collected \$1,233.75. Gifts will be purchased and delivered to several families in the Red Mill community. Contact Kim Howe, PTA Representative, for more information.

■ Arrowhead will like to congratulate Mrs. Elizabeth Panchik, Special Education Teacher, for being named Teacher of the Year.

■ Arrowhead is pleased to announce the following winners of its PTA Reflections Contest: Visual Arts, grades K-2, Andrew Smith, first; Taylor Chandler, second and Kristine Young, third. Grades 3-5, Rachel Jacobucci, first; Jacob Small, second; Brenton Cunningham, third. Photography: Grades 3-5, Chelsea Bateman, first; Nick Troyan, second; Lauren Hayes, third. Literature: Grades K-2, Rachel Rudiger, first; Emily Land, second; Taylor Chandler, first. Grades 3-5, Franky Picardi, first; Kristian Brown, second; Karly Dowdy, third.

■ Congratulations to Donna McCanna of Glenwood Elementary School was named Teacher of the Year.

■ The faculty and staff at Glenwood Elementary School generously participates in a program called "Gator Aid for Gator Kids."

For the past six years, this program has provided gifts for needy children at Glenwood to ensure a happy holiday for them. In lieu of exchanging gifts with colleagues, staff members can make a donation to the "Gator Aid for Gator Kids."

A silent auction is also held to help raise funds for this worthy cause. Cathy Hull will oversee this program again this year. This staff truly shows how they care by what they share.

News in Brief

Used book sale

The Friends of the Virginia Beach Public Library will hold their Semi-Annual Used Book Sale from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30 and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31 at the Virginia Beach Pavilion.

Books available will cover all subjects and prices are very low (\$1 for hardback books; 50 cents for paperback books).

Admission is free and there is no limit to the

New Year's gala

The Virginia Beach Jaycees are proud to present the eighth annual New Year's Gala at the Contemporary Arts Center.

Tickets are \$65 and include music, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and soft drinks, as well as a champagne toast at midnight.

For reservation information contact Shannon at 312-9167.

Proceeds from the evening will benefit the programs and projects of the Virginia Beach Jaycees.

Fishing tourney

The 44th annual Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament, which opens Jan. 1 and runs throughout the year, will add speckled trout to its list of species eligible for special release awards. This brings the number of species eligible for release awards to 16, the most in tournament history.

The Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament is a program of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission funded with revenues from Virginia's saltwater fishing license. For more information contact Claude Bain, Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament at 968 S. Oriole Dr. in Virginia Beach or call 491-5160 or e-mail to mrcsw@visi.net.

'Watch Night'

A "Watch Night" service of hope will be offered at 11 p.m. on New Year's Eve at Virginia Beach United Methodist Church located at 212 19th Street.

Garden club meets

The Linkhorn Park Garden Club will meet Friday, Jan. 5 at 11 a.m. at the Princess Anne Country Club.

A speaker from Smithfield Gardens will present a program on "Landscaping." Members are asked to bring arrangements with the theme "Winter Wonders," using dried material, evergreens and berries.

School reunions

The following local high school reunions are being planned for the summer and fall of 2001. The reunion committee, along with First-Class Reunions, is working diligently to find high school graduates.

The schools are: First Colonial High School's class of 1981 (date and location to be announced); Green Run High School's class of 1986 (date and location to be announced); and Kempsville High School's class of 1991 (date and location to be announced).

FCR is the only high school reunion planning company headquartered in Virginia, dedicated full-time to meeting the reunion needs of local high school graduates. Alumni should contact FCR at (888) 327-1984 or visit the website at www.fcreunions.com.

Writing workshop

Want to write a novel? Attend a plotting workshop on Jan. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Russell Memorial Library, 2808 Taylor Road.

This hands-on workshop will be led by Tracy Dunham, author of *Eureka Trail* and *Last Campaign*, and facilitated by published authors in the Chesapeake Romance Writers.

Lunch will be provided. Bring your story idea, pen, imagination and be prepared to work hard.

You'll leave with an outline you can use to get that story going. Registration is at 9 a.m. The cost is \$30 for CRW members; \$40 for non-members. Enrollment is limited, so call early to register.

For more information or to register, contact Virginia O'Keefe, 430-8020, e-mail vaokcefe@gateway.net or Cheryl Bonner, 483-0252, e-mail cbonner@exis.net.

Bible study group

The Women's Study Group of the Lynnhaven Colony Congregation Church at 2217 West Gate Neck Rd. will begin a 10-week study of the book "Bad Girls of the Bible" Monday, Jan. 8 in the new Community Center.

Conversation and fellowship start at 7 p.m. The study begins at 7:30 p.m.

Newcomers are welcome. To order a book, contact the church office at 481-7674.

Students will take SOLs online

Ocean Lakes High School selected as a demonstration site for testing

By Bobbie Whitehead

Editor

Students at a Virginia Beach high school will be among the first in the state to take Standards of Learning tests online.

Ocean Lakes High School was the only Hampton Roads school chosen by the Virginia Department of Education to join eight other schools as demonstration sites for SOL online testing.

Gov. Jim Gilmore approved of the measure last year, asking that every high school in Virginia provide this method of testing by 2003.

"What this means is that students will sit at a terminal and take an SOL test," said Charles B. Pyle, Virginia Department of Education public information manager. "This will provide rapid turnover of the scores."

Every state school division was invited to participate in the nomination for demonstration sites but only 62 divisions applied. State administrators selected systems representative of a cross-section of the regions, demographics and the existing technology.

Through online testing, schools can determine what remediation is necessary, and high school juniors who will be required to pass a specified number of SOLs in order to graduate will have the opportunity to retake, should they need to, Pyle said.

Some school districts exempt students from final exams if they pass their SOLs.

"To be able to offer incentives, the schools have to test early in the testing window," Pyle said. "It takes several weeks to get all the scores back. With online testing, you can still test later in the year but have the

ability to offer the incentives to the students."

To set up the testing, the state wanted to create demonstration sites to determine how the online system works in real school situations.

The best part of the online submission is that districts won't have to physically transport the tests to the scoring center, Pyle said.

"We volunteered for it because we think the concept is good," said Dr. Harper Donahoe, Ocean Lakes High School assistant principal. "We have pretty good technology here, so we think it will work."

Even though Ocean Lakes has numerous computer labs, Donahoe said he's not sure the school has enough computers to test all students.

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Officers share holiday spirit

Beach police, grocers give food baskets to needy families

By Jason Norman

Correspondent

The Fourth Precinct of the Virginia Beach Police Department teamed up with nationwide food production company Snyder's of Hanover and the Kroger's Food Store on Lynnhaven Parkway to provide holiday food baskets to dozens of the area's needy families.

Each individual box held pre-cooked, ready-to-eat meals including turkeys, dressing, casserole, potatoes and pumpkin pie. But there were also bags of potato chips, boxes of cereal and many fruits and vegetables.

"This food is going to last a few meals, plus snacks and stuff later on," said Officer Harry McBrien, who has been helping with the annual food drive since 1995.

"Last year, we fed 50 families," McBrien said. "But this year, with the help of Kroger and Snyder's of Hanover, we're able to feed 64. Kroger donated about \$2,000 worth of store credit for this event, and we were able to raise another \$600 on our own."

"We feel that this is a necessity for people that need this food so much," said Howard Perry, district sales manager of Snyder's of Hanover. "I've been one of those unfortunate ones that didn't have much as a kid, and I want to make sure that these people get as much as they need."

Susan Costin, associate relations manager of Kroger's, said the store has sought to help the community since it moved into the area.

"We definitely wanted to participate in something like this food drive," she said.

Kroger provided the turkey dinners, according to Jeff West, Kroger's deli manager.

"It's always nice to be a part of something that helps people for the holidays," West said.

Local resident Mike Pinkerman dressed as Santa Claus for the event.

"I think that this event is great," said Pinkerman, who handed out toys and smiles to young passersby. "The children are always happy to see Santa."

People lined up when the police officers arrived, McBrien said.

"About 20 people arrived in the first 10 minutes," he said.

Many of the names of the people officers helped feed came from officers



LENDING A HAND. Virginia Beach police officers gathered food to aid needy families during the holidays. —Photo by Jason Norman

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Program provides safety net for patients

By Jason Norman

Correspondent

More than 4 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's disease, one that slowly disables the entire human nervous system.

Eventually, 60 percent of the elderly will be affected by the disease, and the federal government provides little funding to help.

But the Safe Return Program, the first 24-hour Alzheimer's disease assistance program in the United States, is attempting to create a new foundation for helping those stricken with the disease.

Recently, the Safe Return Program held a citywide forum at Atria Virginia Beach, a retirement and assisted living community, to educate the public about Alzheimer's disease and steps that can be taken to prevent the tragic occurrences that can accompany it.

"Safe Return provides a national database of people with Alzheimer's," explained Marianna Price, Atria's life guidance director. "Those that have the disease wear a bracelet with a number on it identifying them as having Alzheimer's."

Should they happen to wander away from their homes, the number on the bracelet can be reported to the local law enforcement agency, who notifies the family of the person.

"Wandering is probably the most critical symptom of Alzheimer's, at least for the family," Price said. "Alzheimer victims are always searching for their homes."

But to them, home can be anywhere that's comfortable. They may be in a familiar area, but one that does not look familiar to them. In their own neighborhood they could get lost, she said.

Often, people suffering with Alzheimer's are found wandering because of the brain that controls direction is often affected.

"We were contacted by Atria to participate in this program," said John Tosloskie of the Virginia Beach Police Department. "We like to be aware of what's going on in the community, so we thought that this would be a good thing to get involved in."

"Our agency doesn't have any special procedures in dealing with people with Alzheimer's, but we were made aware of it."

While police haven't had extensive

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Pentecostals celebrate 100th anniversary

Early ministers, leaders of charismatic movement had Hampton Roads ties

By Bobbie Whitehead

Editor

CHESAPEAKE — C.H. Mason stood on the corner of streets in Norfolk, shouting to passersby about the Holy Spirit.

Several weeks earlier, the young black man had attended a revival at the Azusa Street Mission in Los Angeles where, filled with the Holy Spirit, he began speaking the words of a foreign language.

This "speaking in tongues" gave him a newfound presence of God, so the native of Memphis decided to spread the word. He moved to Norfolk where he founded the first Church of God in Christ in 1907.

Word of his sermons spread so quickly that 6,000 residents of the area converted to the charismatic Pentecostal faith, according to Dr. Vinson Synan, dean of the School of Divinity at Regent University, who has researched the sketchy accounts

of Mason's work.

Mason brought the Pentecostal Movement, born in Topeka, Kan., to Virginia, Synan said.

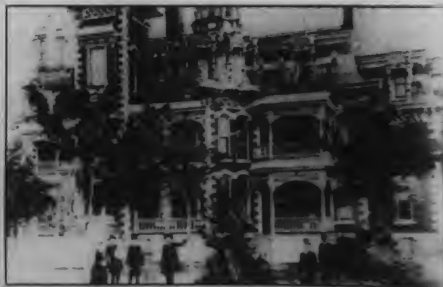
And just a few years after he shouted the gospel in the street, the first Pentecostal Holiness Church opened in 1912 in South Norfolk.

"In one century it's become the second largest Christian family in the world, next only to Catholics," said Synan, whose soon-to-be-released book, *The Century of the Holy Spirit* focuses on the history of this movement.

The Pentecostal Movement began Jan. 1, 1901 in Topeka, Kan., under a former Methodist minister, Charles Parham, Synan said.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the movement, Regent University

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BEGINNINGS OF A MOVEMENT. Stones folly in Topeka, Kan., is where the Pentecostal Movement began 100 years ago Jan. 1.—Photo contributed

Commentary

WHY DO WE BOTHER?

Resolutions

It's that time of the year when we fall all over ourselves to make New Year's resolutions. Many of us are prepared to swear by the Holy Bible that this time we really mean it.

Often these resolutions include:

✓ Losing weight. Most of us should lose 20 pounds. Certainly, with all the holidays behind us and extra time on our hands, this is the time to do it. We are confident of victory.

✓ Taking out the garbage. We vow to help our spouse by at least taking the garbage out without being asked. Why not? It's a simple task. It doesn't take much time or effort and almost no talent.

✓ Picking up our underwear. We vow never again to have our spouse ask us if the underwear lying in the middle of the bedroom floor is dirty or clean. From now on, things will be different. Those dirty clothes will make their way to the hamper to be washed. We might even wash the clothes ourselves.

✓ Treat spouse's relatives with respect. Even if your mother-in-law has a way of getting under your skin — like telling you how to cook, clean house and drive — you vow that you'll treat her like the human being she may someday become.

But by the end of January, those resolutions are but a distant memory. What happened? Why couldn't we just make these little changes? What could be wrong with us? Let us take a closer look at the resolutions. The results include:

■ Too many playoff football parties. Instead of losing 20 pounds, your stomach is taking on the characteristics of the Goodyear Blimp. Your wife has even given you the nickname "Elvis" and you're pretty certain it's not a compliment. That Super Bowl party won't do much to change the situation for the better, either.

■ "Take out the garbage again?" You really meant to take out the garbage, but you were waiting for the commercial break. "I'll do it at halftime," you tell your spouse. But then they air that spell-binding interview of Mike Ditka telling why he wouldn't want to coach the Tampa Bay/Cleveland/Hartford Buccaneers even if they offered 70 percent of the franchise.

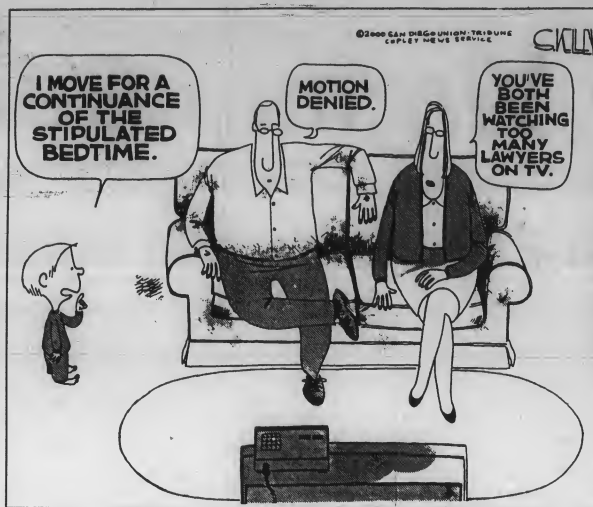
■ "Certainly, I'll pick up my underwear. But what's the hurry? I'll get to it Saturday morning."

■ "Your mother is coming again!" No, I can't pick her up, I'll be on the golf course — playing 36 holes.

Is there any hope that we can change our lives for the better? Certainly. We just need the motivation to do it. Because it's a new year just doesn't cut it. We need more of a reason.

We will lose the weight when we are tired of the fat jokes. We'll take out the garbage and pick up dirty clothes when we are serious about helping our spouse around the house. We will treat the relatives with respect when we decide we want them to treat us the same way.

The choice is ours. — C.E.C.



Lawsuit mars work of Christian film

By Michael R. Smith

This week "Left Behind: The Movie" sold near 3 million copies, making it one of the season's best-selling videotapes.

Released Oct. 31, "Left Behind: The Movie" is the film adaptation of Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins' riveting fictional account of life before and after the Rapture where chaos reigns. The novel, one of eight in the series, has sold more than six million copies worldwide, but the videotape version is holding its own, despite a lawsuit pitting Christian against Christian.

It may be the highest-profile case of Christian suing Christian in film entertainment business history, yet it is receiving surprisingly little attention in the mainstream and inspirational press and it doesn't seem to be dampening movie sales, but should it?

LaHaye is well-known in the Christian subculture for his orthodox position on Christian values, yet his lawsuit violates a clear biblical injunction.

In the words of 1 Corinthians 6:7, "The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already" (NIV).

According to the lawsuit filed in Los Angeles in July, LaHaye is suing Namesake Entertainment of Kentucky and Cloud Ten Pictures of Toronto over rights to the Left Behind film series and a promise to spend \$40 million on the project. Pete Lalonde of Cloud Ten told me that his company spent \$17.4 for the film, publicity, distribution and so on, but never promised to make

It may be the highest-profile case of Christian suing Christian in film entertainment business history, yet it is receiving surprisingly little attention in the mainstream and inspirational press and it doesn't seem to be dampening movie sales.

a \$40 million picture.

The lawsuit suggests that Christian filmmaking may have broken through the stained-glass ceiling in Hollywood. Here's the syllogism.

Major premise: Important films generate lawsuits.

Minor premise: "Left Behind: The Movie" generated a lawsuit.

Conclusion: "Left Behind: The Movie" is an important film.

Yet, at what price? A lawsuit? Alternatives are available and LaHaye's attorney, Chris Rudd, told me that he supports alternative dispute resolution organizations such as Peacemaker Ministries, an orga-

nization founded in 1982 to help Christians reach conciliation using mediation, and arbitration.

They are valuable because they prevent the state from involving itself in church matters, following the biblical idea: "If righteousness could be gained through the law, then Christ died for nothing."

Twenty years ago Pauline Kael wrote a piece for The New Yorker on "Why Are Movies So Bad." She castigated Hollywood for mind-numbing, say-nothing pictures. This month Peter Bart wrote in GQ that filmmaking is alive but lame and the future may belong to new filmmakers "who feel they can do it better" with "an ever narrowing range of films to see." Bart said nothing about big budgets and lawsuits leading to a film's success.

Evangelicals are called to make an impact in this world and "Left Behind: The Movie" succeeds in that mission. It is a break-through in Christian entertainment aimed at the mass market. Nonetheless, the redemptive message may be marred like the work of a zealot who spray paints "Jesus loves you" on a wall of a building.

We must engage the culture on its turf, but if we resort to their rules-lawsuits-the benefit of the labor may be relegated to the Christian ghetto where all things Christian collect like the lifeless water of the Dead Sea.

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Hope important element of a positive attitude

By Allen W. Smith

"Hope is a good breakfast, but it is a bad supper." — Francis Bacon

Hope is the starting point of a happy and productive life, but hope alone has never brought happiness to anyone. We must plan and work in order to have happy and productive lives.

We certainly do not have total control over our lives, and no matter how much we plan and work, our lives may still fall short of our expectations.

But if we make no effort, and do no planning, we can be almost certain that we will be disappointed with our lives.

Some people take the position that whatever happens in life is God's will, and therefore they can live on hope alone.

But many of us believe that God helps those who help themselves, and that God would be disappointed in those who did not make an effort to improve their lives and the lives of others.

It is important to maintain a positive attitude about life, and hope is an important element of a positive attitude. We can hope for the best in life, but it doesn't hurt to prepare for the worst.

Nations do not depend on hope alone. Naturally every nation hopes that it will have a prosperous economy and that it will not be attacked by other nations.

In all areas of our lives we must make an effort in order to achieve what we want. If we want a higher standard of living, we must work toward that. If we want strong families we must work toward that goal.

If we want more and better friends, we must make ourselves worthy of good friends. If we want to be healthy, we must practice good health habits.

And, if we want to avoid being taken advantage of, we must keep

up our guard.

Nations do not depend on hope alone. Naturally every nation hopes that it will have a prosperous economy and that it will not be attacked by other nations.

But nations must work toward building strong economies, and the best possible insurance against being attacked by other nations is a strong national defense.

Like nations, we as individuals cannot rely on hope alone that we will be successful and that we will not become the victims of mistreatment by others. We must recognize that we live in an imperfect world, and we must face the reality that not everyone has high moral values. Although we may wish otherwise, we must accept the fact that there are some people who do not respect either the laws of God or the laws of man.

Therefore, although hope is a good starting point, we must supplement hope with planning, determination, hard work, and vigilance. Think about it.

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Boys and girls are not the same

"Equal" is not always synonymous with "the same." Men and women are created equal. Boys and girls are not born the same. Here's the evidence: You throw a little girl a ball, and it will hit her in the nose. You throw a



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist.

You dress a little boy in his Easter Sunday best, and he'll somehow find every mud puddle from your home to church, even if you're driving there. Boys' rooms are usually messy. Girls' rooms are usually messy, except it's a good smelling mess.

A baby girl will pick up a stick in wonderment at what nature has made. A baby boy will pick up a stick and turn it into a gun. When girls play with Barbie and Ken dolls, they like to dress them up and play house with them. When boys play with Barbie and Ken dolls, they like to tear off their appendages.

Boys couldn't care less of their hair is unkempt and unruly. Girls, if their bangs are cut a quarter-inch too short; would rather lock themselves in their room for two weeks than be seen in public.

Baby girls find mommy's makeup and almost instinctively start painting the walls. If a girl belches, she will be embarrassed. If a boy belches, he will follow it with a dozen fake belches.

Boys grow their fingernails long because they are too lazy to cut them. Girls grow their fingernails long, not because they look nice, but because they can dig them into a boy's arm.

Girls are attracted to boys at an early age. Boys at an early age are attracted to dirt. By the age of six, boys will stop giving their dad kisses. Girls by the age of six will stop giving their dad kisses unless he bribes them with candy.

A 7-year-old boy came home from school one afternoon in such high spirits that his mother was concerned to the point of asking him the cause of his elation.

"What happened today?" she asked. "I saw my girl today!" she replied.

"Well, that's nice. What did you say to her?"

"Nothing," the boy said grinning proudly. "But I turned three somersaults and a back flip!"

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Recreation department continue its rapid growth

Way back in 1956, Parks and Recreation was first set up in our community by the defunct Board of Supervisors, who hired its first Director, and when Princess Anne County merged



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberdorf

with the city of Virginia Beach in January 1963, the new Department of Parks, Recreation and Physical Education was staffed by only two employees. "Phys-Ed" was under the supervision of the School Board, and a full-time employee was hired to assume duties of Maintenance and Athletic Director, and an adult recreation program kicked off. In 1973, the department's name was changed once again, dropping the Physical Education part as this would now be operated by the School Board. The name now was the Department of Parks and Recreation.

From this humble beginning of two employees in 1963, the Department of Parks and Recreation now have 263 full-time employees and approximately 880 part-time employees; 38 miles of shoreline; 28 miles of public beach; 79 miles of scenic waterway; 60 miles of bikeway; one regional park; nine district parks; eight community and 174 neighborhood parks with a total of 821 units of playground equipment; 224 tennis courts; eighteen marinas with public access; eight public access golf courses with three being municipal courses; and six community recreation centers. The recreation centers have indoor swimming pools, gymnasium/multi-purpose rooms, bowling lanes, exercise/weight rooms and fitness equipment; cooking and craft classes and all kinds of fun things to do, not only for the youngsters but adults and senior adults as well. They also offer a CRS Unit Therapeutic program. Virginia Beach also has two State Parks and three national Wildlife Refuges.

All of that and still there is more. Virginia Beach has received a \$375,000 federal grant for the Norfolk Avenue Trail project, which will help pay for this multipurpose pedestrian and bicycle path. The city of Virginia Beach received this grant from the Federal Highway Administration and will begin construction of the Norfolk Avenue Trail in the fall of 2001. The entire cost of the new trail is \$535,000 with the additional \$150,000 allocated by the city of Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Department under its Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

The Norfolk Avenue Trail will run from Birdneck Road to Pacific Avenue in the abandoned Norfolk Southern Railroad corridor along the north side of Norfolk Avenue. The 10-foot-wide asphalt trail will include safe pedestrian crossing and paved connections to all adjacent residential neighborhoods.

When completed, this new bike and pedestrian trail will link the neighborhoods to the beach, the boardwalk, other existing trails in the area, and the proposed Birdneck Road Trail that could be constructed in 2003. In addition to the beach and the board-

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walk, the Norfolk Avenue Trail will also connect the Virginia Marine Science Museum, Owl Creek Tennis Center, Sealeck Community Recreation Center, First Landing State Park and other major educational and recreational amenities in the area.

As designated, the entire project is completely accessible for those with disabilities and meets all Americans With Disabilities Act regulations. The project also includes a landscape buffer to enhance the appearance of Norfolk Avenue as a major connection to the oceanfront resort area. Additionally, the improvements will preserve open space and the historic significance of the railroad corridor.

The Department of Parks and Recreation also opened its second Dog Park. The latest one is at the Woodstock Community Park at 5709 Providence Road. It is approximately one acre of fenced area where dogs can run free off their leash and socialize with other dogs. Dogs and their owners can also enjoy our Dog Park at Red Wing Park located off General Booth Blvd.

The on-site registration fee is \$1. Approximately 600 dogs have been registered for the dog parks to date. Proof of license and vaccination is required.

On Tuesday, Oct. 10, the Department of Parks and Recreation and Dominion Power partnered to build an outdoor, educational amphitheater in Munden Point Park. Approximately 50 volunteers from Dominion Power and 20 volunteers from the city worked together to complete this project. All building materials and labor were donated by Dominion Power in an effort to promote an "environmental day of caring." The Planning Department donated wax myrtle trees for beautification and landscaping. Wedgewood Garden Center, Inc. donated various perennials for planting in the park garden area. The amphitheater will benefit the community in many ways. Future plans include use in fishing clinics, fishing tournaments, Parks and Recreation and city sponsored special events.

As you can see, the Parks and Recreation Department has come a long way and just keeps on growing, giving the citizens of Virginia Beach more and more opportunities to relax and enjoy their leisure time. As we head into the 21st Century, there's no telling what may be in store for us. Have fun!

Vicki Magee, Parks and Recreation Department, contributed to this column.

Online SOL tests at Beach

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"We may have to stagger the test dates," he said. "But who knows, maybe we'll get more computer labs from this."

Ocean Lakes, in its effort to improve SOL scores, wants more time to improve on their tests in order to graduate, he said.

"The online testing is needed given the time constraints for graduation," Donahoe said.

Three contractors — BTG Inc., NCS Pearson Inc. and Vantage Learning Inc. — were hired earlier this month to set up the nine schools' computer labs.

School administrators will meet in Richmond in January to talk with contractors on the set up, Donahoe said.

"We're a little unsure of the nuts and bolts right now," Donahoe said.

The state budgeted \$114 million to provide money for technology assistance and developing Web-based instructional and remedial programs.

Students at the demonstration sites will take online tests made up of previously released SOL items.

"The SOL Technology Initiative is about much more than testing," according to Jo Lynne DeMay, state superintendent of public instruction. "It is about using technology to empower teachers and enhance learning."

Robert Fryer Jr. of Newport News, operations officer; Col. Alan Lintz of Norfolk, maintenance officer; and Col. Susan Wylen of Hampton, finance officer.

Air squadron elects officers

The Old Dominion Squadron, local unit of the American Airpower Heritage Museum, has elected its officers effective Jan. 1. They include: Col. Robert L. Collette of Chesapeake, adjutant; Col.

Up close and personal

Robert N. Taylor: Business-oriented

By Bobbie Whitehead
Editor

Robert "Bob" N. Taylor knows how to get things done.

His family has provided the tools and materials for Hampton Roads residents to build, mend and repair their homes for three generations.

So, you could say, he inherited the drive.

It's his ability to lead people, to follow through with ideas and to get the job done that landed Taylor, president of Taylor's Do It Centers of Virginia Beach, the coveted 2000 Chairman's Award from the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce.

"We've done a lot of work here, but there are a lot of other good people who've done good work for the chamber," Taylor said. "So it's flattering to be singled out from that crowd for this award."

Not only have his accomplishments been recognized locally, corporate leaders in the home and hardware business have taken notice, too. In a few weeks, Taylor will head to Fort Wayne, Ind., to assume the title of the senior vice president of operations with the Do It Best Corp., the cooperative with which Taylor's Do It Centers are a member. "This cooperative enables us to have \$2.5 billion in buying power," he said. "And I'm excited about this opportunity."

Among Taylor's accomplishments, he chaired the first Virginia Beach Roundtable for this year's election.

With the numerous business organizations — retailers, hospitality, hotel/motel, tourism, central business and area Realtors — in Virginia Beach that have an agenda, the groups created a forum to work together, Taylor said.

"All of these are businesses, but they have different focuses," Taylor said. "This year's election was an opportunity to bring all of these groups together to foster a climate, we hope, that's best for the businesses and the citizenry of Virginia Beach."

"We're happy with the way those groups came together."

That's not the only tough challenge Taylor tackled this year. He accepted the chairmanship of the Oceana Task Force to help promote the base.

"Oceana has a huge impact on Hampton Roads," said Taylor, noting the \$1.4 billion it generates the area. "The people there participate in various activities in the community. They give a lot back."

For this reason, the task force, under Taylor's leadership, worked with the Navy in trying to secure the Navy's FA-18 Super Hornets.

The base must undergo a second environmental impact study, to be released in the fall, before the base location for the aircraft will be named.

"We want to see the basing of those FA-18s come to Virginia Beach to keep Oceana strong," Taylor said.

Those aren't the only activities Taylor has undertaken.

He's served on various committees for the Neptune Festival and United Way of South Hampton Roads as well as serving as a board member for the Business & Consumer Foundation, the Better Business Bureau of Greater Hampton Roads, American Cancer Society and Tidewater Health Care, among others.

Taylor learned to push himself in business and the community while a child, selling hot dogs and soft drinks to customers during sales his father had at Taylor's Do It Center.

He's since worked in just about every aspect of the business, including sweeping floors and stocking merchandise.

"It's nice to have a family business to come into," he said. "Over the 25 years, I've been doing this, working with my father and brother has been fun."

With retail's best day being Saturday, Taylor says the business, at times, interfered with his social life.

But he learned to find other days for fun. "I've enjoyed working in the business and watching it grow as well as watching Virginia Beach grow," he said.

Even though he's moving to a corporation



with a larger management structure, he sees it as an opportunity to help Taylor's Do It Centers as well as the co-op's other members.

"If I can take my 25 years of retail experience and help sharpen the corporation's focus that much more, then it will help it do a better job of helping its members grow and expand," Taylor said.

Name: Robert N. Taylor

What brought you to this area: I am a Virginia Beach native, going back three generations in both my parents' families.

Hometown: Virginia Beach.

Age: 47.

Nickname: Bob, after my grandfather.

Occupation: President of Taylor's Do-It Centers, but am moving to Fort Wayne, Ind., as senior vice president of Do It Best Corp., our co-op supplier.

Marital Status: Married for 17 years to the former Marion Padrick.

Children: Meg, 13, a student at Norfolk Academy; and Robie, 12, a student at Virginia Beach Middle School.

Favorite movies: "Caddyshack," "It's a Wonderful Life," and mostly anything with Harrison Ford.

Favorite magazines: *Forbes*, *Hardwear Retailing*, *Men's Journal*, *Sailing World* and *Golf Digest*.

Favorite authors: John Grisham and Ken Blanchard.

Favorite night out on the town: Boat ride to Chix for dinner, then home in the moonlight.

Favorite restaurant: 501, Chix and Isle of Capri.

Favorite meal: NY strip or seared tuna with a Caesar salad and Scotch on the rocks.

What most people don't know

about me: I don't have any secrets.

Best thing about myself: My family.

Worst habit: I have a hard time saying "No." (I'm working on it.)

Pets: "Bright Eyes," our cat, and "Bowlori," our Cavalier King Charles, but they only listen to Marion and the kids.

Hobbies: Golf and sailing.

Ideal vacation: Any place that's warm and involves the two mentioned above.

Pet peeves: Poor customer service.

First job: Working as a maintenance helper at the Thunderbird Motel.

Least liked job: Grading and sorting lumber at a saw mill in college.

Favorite sports teams: It used to be the Redskins. But after this season, I'm open to suggestions.

Favorite musicians: My good friend and golfing buddy, Paul Wergley, is at the top, but there are many others I enjoy.

Most embarrassing moment: Being in the lead after the first mark in a race at the Hobie nationals and not knowing what course we were sailing.

How I would like to be remembered: As a great dad.

If I received \$1 million: I'd be complaining about how much of it had to go to taxes. After that, I'd try to do some nice things for my family and for the community.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I'd focus on the need to return to an emphasis on family, a traditional family with God at the center of everything. Little by little we are letting a variety of elements in our society nibble away at our values. Honor, integrity, character, faithfulness, responsibility and trust are the principles our country was built on. We must elevate these core values, and end the erosion to the valuable foundation they provide.

Renaissance Hotel prepares for gala

By Margaret Windley
Contributor

PORTSMOUTH — Like a glamorous woman putting on her make-up and touching up her hair, the new Marriott Renaissance Hotel and Waterfront Conference Center undergoes last minute labors before its grand opening.

With most of the carpets down and the wallpaper up, the Renaissance staff prepares for the Jan. 10 event and continues taking reservations for the use of facilities.

Individual rooms receive last minute decorating, and the 458-space parking garage nears its completion. In the meantime, the Presidential Suite earns the admiration of everyone who takes a mini tour of the grandiose structure.

The facility is one of the first Marriotts in Virginia to be ap-

proved by the International Association of Conference Centers and Facilities.

"It's 97 percent finished," said Mark DiVenuto, the director of catering. "There's a lot of clean up and little things to do."

DiVenuto says that as with any new construction, the punch list must be followed through for little touch ups of paint, wallpaper and carpet as well as the addition of light bulbs but on a much larger scale than with regular new home construction.

DiVenuto stands proud of this \$48 million hotel with its 250 rooms and suites. Since joining the staff in March, when the facility was basically a shell, he has learned the 24,000 square feet of meeting and function space on each 17 floors (of course there is no 13th floor).

He's become acquainted with the hotel's restaurant, lounge,

concierge lounge and kitchens. He's also learned the locations of the six meeting rooms in the conference center, its two board rooms, and given the ability to create of the two ballrooms, its space for up to sixteen affairs.

A lobby wall hosts pictures from Portsmouth's past. The downstairs ballroom has been named the Holley Ballroom for Mayor James W. Holley III, and the Executive Learning Center and Case Study Amphitheater bears the name of City Manager Ronald W. Massie.

"These are the men who along with the last few city councils were the true visionaries who made this happen," DiVenuto said.

DiVenuto adds that the hotel's design team and interior decorators have made use of the Elizabeth River. Rooms have been designed with a view of the ferries,

tugs and other ships as well as angry waves or peaceful calm.

"We took full advantage of the placement of the tower where the guest rooms are so everyone has a view of the river," he said.

The Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel will partner with the Elizabeth River Project for their first joint effort, the hotel's opening gala, which will take place Saturday, Jan. 27.

The Renaissance Portsmouth found a natural alliance with the Elizabeth River Project, a non-profit organization that promotes community involvement in restoring the environmental health of the Elizabeth River.

"The hotel's view of the working waterfront and city skyline is unmatched and will certainly be one of our major selling features," said Larry Bundy, general manager of the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel.

Volunteers vow to aid elderly residents

By Jason Norman
Correspondent

Everyone needs at least eight hugs a day, doctors say.

And the Community Service Program to Protect the Elderly insures that every senior citizen in the area it helps get just that to stay healthy.

For five years, CSPPE has visited hundreds of residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities throughout Hampton Roads.

On one afternoon, program volunteers stopped at the Autumn Health Care facility on Cedar Road to do some hugging.

When they arrived, CSPPE administrator Judith Allison held up a small doll, made out of the "Peanuts" character Woodstock.

"We're going to pass this doll around," she said. "When the music stops, whoever is holding it wins a prize."

Residents, mostly senior citizens, smiled.

The piano from a CD played, and the residents slowly passed the doll from to each other, sometimes aided by the small children helping with the program.

When the music stopped, a man sitting in the doorway held Woodstock.

"Mr. Bob wins!" said Allison, bringing a large plastic bag over to the surprised resident. Reaching into the bag, Mr. Bob's prize was revealed: a stuffed dinosaur.

Students at the Tidewater Community College Virginia Beach campus donated the prizes for the residents.

The game continued until every resident had won a stuffed animal.

Allison then led the residents in a "Music and Movement" activity.

"Clap your hands above your head, raise your arms above you," she sang. "Put your arms around



AIDING THE ELDERLY. The Community Services Program consists of volunteers who visit with residents in nursing homes and other care facilities. They sing, talk with and play games with the residents who may have no relatives. Volunteers are still needed.

someone and tell someone 'I love you!'"

With Christmas and New Year's Day a few weeks away, the program made certain to lead residents in carols such as "Jingle Bells," "Deck the Halls," and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

"These people are really great," said Linda Bailey, the Autumn center's activities director. "They do a lot of nice things for the residents, and the residents really enjoy it. They look forward to it, because they like the one-on-one attention that they don't always get."

Many of the residents also agreed that the program helped them.

"I enjoy the volunteers coming around like this because it helps to brighten up the people," said Larry Farmer, a resident. "Around this time of year, sometimes you feel down because the family doesn't come around like they should."

Sadie Williams, who's lived at Autumn for five months, enjoys the visits because of the way the volunteers treat her.

"I had a very good time today," Williams said. "The whole thing was nice, it made you feel wonderful. The decorations, the dancing, the singing, everything was fun. I wish they would come everyday."

The program teams with youth



groups, churches, businesses, and any other organizations that want to become involved, Allison said.

"But we're always looking for volunteers, if people want to become involved with this," she said. "When we started this project about ten years ago, there were ten of us, and all of us either had a family member in long-term care, or had concerns about the conditions that we had seen in these homes."

She said they learned that some of nursing home residents were getting less than two diapers a day.

"We felt that something was wrong, and that we needed to help," she said.

Bringing the community into this program, allows the elderly to know that they are not forgotten just because they are in these homes, she said.

"For some people, it's like going to prison and throwing away the key," Allison said. "But we have an obligation to these people. These people are our grandparents, our fathers and mothers, and some of them have come through two world wars and the Great Depression."

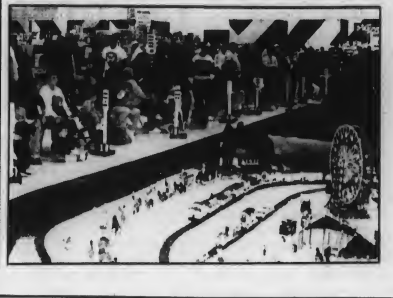
"They are fighters and survivors, and we as a community let them know how much they mean to us."

Anyone interested in volunteering can call Judith Allison at 498-8600.



All Aboard

The All Aboard train show, sponsored by the Tidewater Virginia Big Train Operators will exhibit their works at the Pavilion Jan. 6-7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The admission is \$6 for adults, \$2 for children 6-12 and children under 6 are admitted free.



Safe Return Program assists Alzheimer's

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training in handling Alzheimer's patients, Tosloskie said he has had to search Seashore State Park for Alzheimer's patients who've wandered.

"When we deal with people with Alzheimer's, we try to relate to them," said Elaine Weinbracht of the Virginia Beach Fire Department. "For example, we remember what it was like to be a child, and they remember things like that."

Several family members of victims of Alzheimer's disease say the Safe Return Program is vital.

"My husband has Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's," said Andy Barko of Virginia Beach. "He isn't quite at the stage of not knowing things yet, but I can see it coming. I've heard about the Safe Return program on television, and I decided to come because I know there will be a time where my husband needs help with his normal everyday life."

When dealing with victims of Alzheimer's, Price said the most important thing is not to agitate them. Caregivers usually offer some sort of diversion, such as food (they especially like candy). Also, they don't want to literally

be taken in the same direction that they came in," she said. For example, if they entered through a certain door, don't immediately take them back through that same door.

"You might want to walk a wide circle with them, distracting them with things along the way," she said. "Take them for a walk a while, then turn around. Eventually, you get back to the original goal without them becoming agitated."

One of the ways the program aids the families of Alzheimer's patient is by explaining ways in which they can keep their family members safe.

For example, people should put locks on their doors, high enough so that the victims cannot see them. People might also want to inform their neighbors, so that the neighbors can watch out for the victims, just in case they happen to wander off.

"I like to tell my staff that the first thing to consider is where the individual is in the thought process, and to put themselves in their shoes, and walk with them," Price said.

Pentecostals celebrate 100 years

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School of Divinity and Parkway Temple have planned a joint service Sunday from 10 p.m. to midnight at 601 Volvo Parkway in Chesapeake.

"On New Year's Day, a young lady named Agnes Ozman, was baptized in the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues," Synan said. "This began the world Pentecostal Movement."

Parham's journals described Ozman as having a halo of brightness surrounding her face, and then she began speaking Chinese, a language she had never spoken before.

"She couldn't speak English for three days," Synan said. "She had to write to communicate." Parham then began to teach that one should speak in tongues in order to be filled with the spirit.

After the revival at the Azusa Street Mission, the Pentecostal faith spread all over the world by the Rev. W. J. Seymour, a

student of Parham's. Lucy Farrow, a native of Portsmouth, worked with both Seymour and Parham. She later became a missionary in Liberia. But no one knows where she ended up in the last years of her life.

"Both blacks and whites worshipped together at his Azusa Street church," Synan said. "Whites came from all over the world to listen to Seymour preach."

From the beginnings, the Pentecostal Movement served as a multi-racial and ethnic faith, drawing people together from all backgrounds, he said.

"Later on, it segregated like everything else was in the 1920s," Synan said. "But Mason typically had hundreds of whites attending his services."

People left the Los Angeles revival founding other Pentecostal denominations such as the Church of God, the Church of God in Christ, the Assemblies

of God, the Pentecostal Holiness churches, the Rock Church and the United Holy churches, among many others.

"There are well over 100 of these churches in Hampton Roads," Synan said.

The Rev. Dan Goff of Calvary Assembly of God at 4925 Providence Road in Virginia Beach heads a Pentecostal faith established in Princess Anne County in 1914.

The existing church on Providence Road has been in the area for almost 60 years, having descended from one of the early assemblies founded in Hampton Roads in 1915 after Mason's sermons.

"It's the fastest growing movement in the world, and I'm not at all surprised that it has lasted as long as it has," Goff said.

Goff said the opinion of Pentecostal groups has changed over the years — garnering less criticism.

Food given to needy Beach families

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that work in community policing areas, while others were given to us by the Community Action Resource Employment committee, which works with needy people during the holidays.

"We try to give needy citizens any help that we can," said Warne Cason, a member of the CARE team. "This is the CARE team's third year of participating

in this event. We like to be a part of anything positive, because there are so many families that benefit from this food drive."

Indeed, many families welcomed their Christmas gifts with open arms.

"I've had some bad times lately. Money has been tight, and I'm driving a rental car because someone hit mine the other day," said Alfreda Adams, a single mother of three. "This is going to

help my Christmas a lot."

"We really appreciate this, because during the year we don't always have enough," said local resident Etuna Carter. "We've been scraping by for a while, and this is going to really help us."

"I felt good to get this dinner, because it's going to help me a lot with three kids," said a jubilant Viola Penny.

New Year's Eve party scheduled

The New Year's "Say YES to Miracles" conference will be held Dec. 28 through Jan. 1 at the Association for Research and Enlightenment, 67th Street and Atlantic Avenue in Virginia Beach.

The five-day conference begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, with famed author Dan Millman ("Way of the Peaceful Warrior") and features another session Friday morning.

A New Year's Eve party and meditation led by ARE Executive Director Charles Thomas Cayce takes place Sunday evening, followed by the conference conclusion on Monday morning, Jan. 1, with a New Year's brunch and lecture on "Joyous Living" by ARE dream expert Midge Woods.

Cost is \$325 for the entire weekend (\$295 for ARE members). To register call, 1-800-333-4499.

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MILITARY UPDATE



A MILITARY PROMOTION. Odette B. Solomon's mother, Margaret E. Solomon, pins on her daughter's badge.

Solomon

Odette B. Solomon has been promoted to the U.S. Air Force to the rank of master sergeant.

Solomon is an executive assistance chief with the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. She is the daughter of Margaret E. and Bennie Richardson of Henderson Street.

The master sergeant graduated in 1981 from Manor High School, and received an associated degree in August from the Community College of the Air Force. Solomon received a bachelor's degree in November from the National Louis University in Chicago.

Poffenbarger

Air Force Airman James D. Poffenbarger has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airman who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Poffenbarger is the son of Carey D. and stepson of Bruce L. Campbell of Margaret Ave.

The airman is a 1998 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School.

Arts festival changes name

The Virginia Waterfront International Arts Festival has announced that it will simplify its name to the Virginia Arts Festival. This name change is for the benefit of everyone involved in the festival, according to Robert W. Cross, festival director.

"We wanted the Virginia Arts Festival to appeal to a broader audience and encompass Virginia as a whole, not just the waterfront area. Everyone has reacted favorably to the change," Cross said.

This simplified name, along with the upcoming season line, was announced at the 2001 Festival Preview. The preview took place on Nov. 29 at the new Jeanne and George Roper Performing Arts Center at Tidewater Community College.

Festival board members, donors, members of the press and others involved in the Virginia Arts Festival were given a sneak peek of the performances that will be coming to Hampton Roads in the spring for the 2001 festival.

LEGAL NOTICES

TRUSTEE SALE OF 4 NEPTUNE COURT

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$140,720.00, from Dwayne E. Davis and Sherree V. Davis, Grantor, dated September 3, 1999, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the CITY OF PORTSMOUTH on September 7, 1999, at Instrument #990009844, Deed Book 1271 at Page 1468, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of the City of Portsmouth, located at 601 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia on 01/23/01 at 3:10 P.M., the property with improvements to wit: ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land,

with the buildings and improvements thereon situate, lying and being in the City of Portsmouth, Virginia, being known, numbered and designated as Lot 246, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "SUBDIVISION OF LONG POINT, SECTION 4A, PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA". And more fully described in the above Deed of Trust. Commonly known as 4 Neptune Court, Portsmouth, VA 23703. Tax ID: 0905-0350.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale.

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with its appurtenances and the buildings and improvements thereon, lying, situate and being in the City of Portsmouth, Virginia, and known, numbered and designated as Lot Twelve (12), on the plat of Westwood, Norfolk County, Va. And more fully described in the above Deed of Trust. Commonly known as 4709 Hutton Point Road, Portsmouth, VA 23703. Tax ID# 0755-0710.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale.

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE OF 3908 STATEFLOWER COURT
Portsmouth, VA 23703

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$59,500.00, from Teresa A. Gholston, Grantor, dated May 16, 1994, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the CITY OF PORTSMOUTH on May 17, 1994 in Book 1122 at Page 1763, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Courthouse for the Circuit Court of the City of Portsmouth, located at 601 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia on 01/16/01 at 3:05 P.M., the property with improvements to wit: All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon, and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying, situate and being in the City of Portsmouth, Virginia, and being known; numbered and designated as Lot 17, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "Resubdivision of Lots 1-4 & 8-33, Peachtree, P.U.D., Section 3". And more fully described in the above Deed of Trust. Commonly known as 3908 Stateflower Court, Portsmouth, VA 23703. Tax ID: 0849-0111.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale.

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Public Notice

PUBLIC HEARING
The City Council of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia will hold a public hearing on a rezoning, use permit, code amendment and street closure applications on Tuesday, January 9, 2001, at 7 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, sixth floor of City Hall, 801 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia.

(a) Z-00-09 HIGHLAND BILTMORE NEIGHBORHOOD - Danny Ramsey requests that property located at 106 Francis Street be rezoned from residential single-family RS-75 to residential multi-family RM-75 to construct townhouses. The property is described as Tax Map 486, Parcel 40. Staff Coordinator Jocelyn Terry Admiah. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED DENIAL.

(b) UP-00-18 MOUNT HERMON NEIGHBORHOOD - Dominion Virginia Power Company requests a use permit to upgrade the microwave communication facilities at 1600 Hamilton Avenue. The property is described as Tax Map 199, Parcel 75. Staff Coordinator Otis Jordan. FAST-TRACKED FROM PLANNING COMMISSION'S JANUARY 2, 2001

MEETING.

(c) UP-00-21 PARKVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD - The Portsmouth Boat Club requests a use-permit to operate a membership organization at 20, 24 and 30 Elm Avenue. The property is described as Tax Map 46, Parcels 6, 7 and 8. Staff Coordinator Charlie Mills. FAST-TRACKED FROM PLANNING COMMISSION'S JANUARY 2, 2001 MEETING.

(d) CA-00-06 CITYWIDE - The City of Portsmouth requests code amendment in the Zoning Ordinance relating to merger of parcels that do not meet minimum area requirements Section 40-162.1; commercial frontage of parcels on public streets Section 40-43.6. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.

(e) S-00-09 WESTHAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD - The City of Portsmouth and the City School Board requests the closure of a portion of Griffin Street from its intersection with the west right-of-way of Rodman Avenue to the point where said street intersects with the eastern line of Lot 17 on Griffin Street; and, that portion of Nottaway Avenue from its intersection with the north right-of-way line of Clifford Street. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.

Information relative to the above described items is available for inspection in the Community Quality and Planning Services Department, Division of Planning and Zoning, fourth floor of City Hall, 801 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia, during regular office hours.

THE CITY HALL BUILDING, WHICH IS THE REGULAR MEETING PLACE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA, IS PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE TO PERSONS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES. HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE DISABLED AND REQUIRE A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, PLEASE NOTIFY CITY CLERK DEBRA WHITE AT 393-8639 TO ADVISE HER OF YOUR NEED AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING.

Debra Y. White, CMC/AEE

City Clerk

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
4 Keel Court
Portsmouth, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Willie L. Snead, Jr. and Ruby B. Snead dated December 11, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Portsmouth, Virginia, in Deed Book 1245, page 490, securing a loan which was originally \$139,120.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the City of Portsmouth Circuit Courthouse, 601 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia on January 5, 2001 at 10:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

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TERMS: CASH. A bidder's deposit of \$13,700.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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Public Hearing Portsmouth City Council

Proposed Change to Hampton Roads Transit Fare Structure

The Transportation District Commission of Hampton Roads (TDCHR) has proposed changes to its fares in order to create a unified and simplified fare structure that is the same throughout the Hampton Roads region. The TDCHR has already held public hearings on this matter, but the Portsmouth City Council desires to offer an additional opportunity for its citizens to submit comments.

This hearing will be held as part of the City Council meeting scheduled for January 9, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 6th floor of City Hall, 801 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704. At the public hearing, the City Council will provide an opportunity for individuals or organization representatives to make oral comments with respect to the proposed fare structure changes. Any comments received will be forwarded to the TDCHR. The proposed fare structure is outlined below.

EXISTING VS. PROPOSED FARE STRUCTURE

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10 Ride Farecard	none	\$10.00	\$10.00
10 Ride Farecard-Senior/Disabled	none	\$7.50	\$7.50
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30 Day Farecard-Senior/Disabled	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
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IN OTHER NEWS

Cape lighthouse lit through New Year

The Old Cape Henry Lighthouse remain illuminated from 5 to 10 p.m. through Jan. 4.

The lighthouse is owned and operated by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA). It will be officially closed to visitors for the season. The gift shop/visitor's center will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to come out and view the illuminated historical landmark during the holiday season.

Visitors are requested to remain on Atlantic Avenue, the main road through Fort Story and they should be prepared to show a driver's license upon entrance to Fort Story.

Parking is available at the lighthouse and in front of the Cape Henry Memorial Cross site.

For additional information contact the Fort Story Public Affairs Office at 422-7101, ext. 230 or Old Cape Henry Lighthouse, 422-9421.

Latin artist exhibit displayed at center

The exhibition of "José Bodar Rodado de Mar" is on view through Feb. 11 at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia.

This Latin-inspired opening will feature the salsa sounds of band Ritmo Latino, refreshments by Doubletree Hotel and a cash bar with sangria. The reception is free and open to the public.

Art classes for kids, toddlers offered

The Contemporary Art Center of Virginia is proud to offer After-School Art for kids ages 6-9 years. Register your creative kid for After-School Art Setting the Stage.

Students will have fun designing and building a miniature stage set and characters for their favorite play, book or movie.

Students will use a combination of exciting materials such as clay, papier-mâché, foam core, fabric and paint to create imaginative backdrops, characters, costumes and props for your set.

The cost is \$60 for Center members and \$70 for non-members. Fee includes all materials.

Hahn graduates from OK university

Yvette Lynn Hahn, is among 1,325 University of Central Oklahoma graduates who received degrees Dec. 16. She received a B.S. in biology.

The University of Central Oklahoma (UCO), founded in 1890, is located on a 210-acre campus in Edmond, a northern suburb of Oklahoma City. Fall 2000 enrollment exceeded 14,000 students. UCO is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities as a bachelor's and master's degree granting institution.

The Fall graduates include 14,200 being granted bachelor's degrees and 205 master's degrees.

Rumney elected president of lodge

Deanna Rumney, president of Adlites, a Virginia Beach elected sales company, has been elected president of Hampton Roads Lodge No. 522 of the Sons of Norway.

She has been a member of the lodge for three years.

The mission of the Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway. First organized in 1895, Sons of Norway today has more than 70,000 members in the United States and Canada.

The Hampton Roads Lodge, organized in 1972, meets every third Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 401 at the BaySide Presbyterian Church, 1400 Ewell Road (off Independence Blvd.) in Virginia Beach.

For information call, 486-2042.

Gamm receives B.S. degree in zoology

About 1,300 students graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison last August, receiving undergraduate and advanced degrees.

Trisha Ruth Gamm of Virginia Beach received a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology.

Bless the Children gains help TCC employees, instructors offer support

By Jason Norman
Correspondent

Karen and Clarence Hubbard want to change a little piece of the world.

The couple, who founded Bless the Children Inc. in 1993, have once again shipped off thousands of dollars in medical supplies to the countries like Paraguay, Bulgaria and Honduras.

In the six years that the volunteers organization has existed, it has shipped more than \$30 million in medical supplies.

This year, the Bless the Children Inc. gained another helping hand. Tidewater Community College in Portsmouth has given the non-profit 6,000 square feet of space for the next seven years, charging the group only \$1 a year.

"The mission of our organization is to ship these supplies to poor countries where people desperately need them," said Karen Hubbard. "With TCC coming on board, it's really making a big difference so that we can get more volunteers to collect more supplies for these countries."

That's correct. In the past five months, the Rotary Clubs of Portsmouth, including several TCC employees, have shipped more than \$2 million worth of medical supplies to third-world countries.

"In July, we sent two containers, more than \$800,000 worth of supplies, to Nicaragua," said Julia Knight, as she stood amidst hundreds of beds, cribs, coats and EKG machines in the campus gym. "Then, two weeks ago, we sent \$1.3 million worth of supplies to a small island in the Caribbean, St. Vincent, where it was to support King's Town Hospital."

Knight's resume for community service is filled to the brim. A former president of the Churchland Rotary Club, and former assistant district governor for the Rotary District

for the Rotary District



ASSISTING THE NEEDY. Volunteers with the Bless the Children Inc. organization have created the Med-Link Project. —Photo by Jason Norman

7600, she's currently the assistant division chair of health and physical education at TCC's Portsmouth campus.

"We get help from all over," Knight explains. "A month ago, we received a shipment from Wisconsin. There were seven pallets of surgical trays that had never been opened, worth more than \$800,000."

"Local hospitals have also been very supportive. The Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters and Riverside Hospital Health Systems have each donated \$5,000 to the cause. We've received materials from other hospitals, nursing homes and private physicians."

To ship the supplies, Food For the Poor, an international organization in Florida, connects us with countries in the Caribbean, Central and South America, to find out where the supplies would best be suited.

"They take care of all of our shipping and shipping costs," Hubbard said.

Al Thompson, the former president of the Downtown Portsmouth Rotary Club and director of Work Force Development of the schools, said the clubs are very active in projects like this.

"All of them have worked

very hard for this project," he said. "They've been out here by the masses."

Obviously, the need for medical supplies and other help for third-world countries is far from being over. It's for that reason that Knight and her fellow relief workers still need more and more help from the community.

"Right now, we're looking for volunteers," Knight said. "Volunteers to help us with the inventory, volunteers to help load the supplies."

"We also need a trucking company to help us with transportation to go pick up items."

When hospitals have supplies, they sometimes list the organization that it can have them if they pick them up.

"It would be wonderful if truckers would help us out," she said. "Not all the time, but only periodically."

Knight added that third-world countries are 50 years behind in medical technology, and Americans need to remember not to throw anything away.

"Things that would normally go to our landfills can be used in these countries," she said. "We need the medical community to realize that there is nothing that a third-world country does not need."

Midgett and Rack form new law firm

John T. Midgett, Esq., and Kevin B. Rack are pleased to announce the formation of a new law firm, Midgett and Rack, with offices in Virginia Beach and Williamsburg.

The firm will assist clients with living trusts, wills and other basic estate planning devices; advanced estate tax planning for larger estates; fiduciary and tax litigation; lifetime gift planning; business succession planning; elder law; probate and trust administration; and retirement plan distributions.

John T. Midgett received his bachelor's degree with distinction,

from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville in 1975, and his juris doctorate from the T.C. Williams School of Law in Richmond in 1978. Prior to forming

Midgett and Rack, Midgett was the founder and sole principal of the Trusts and Estates Law Firm in Virginia Beach and Williamsburg.

Kevin B. Rack, formerly chairman of the Trusts and Estates Department with the firm of Huff, Poole and Mahoney, P.C., in Virginia Beach, received his law degree

from the T.C. Williams School of Law in 1984 and his bachelor's degree in

English at James Madison University in 1980. He earned his Master of Laws in Taxation from the Marshall-Whyte School of Law at the College of William and Mary in 1993.

Joining Midgett and Rack as associates will be John Cussen and Kristen Hodeen Robinson and

Michelle ReDavid Rack will become Of Counsel with the firm.

As of Jan. 1, the new firm will be located at The Pinchurst Centre, 477 Viking Drive, Suite 430 in Virginia Beach

SCHOOL BRIEFS

■ Beach Middle is proud to announce the 2000-2001 Girl's Basketball Team: Whitney Schieble, Liza Woodward, Peyton Tate, Cori Shea, Janani Smith, Shaquoa Richardson, Alicia Williams, Britany Neilson, Wesley Drew, Britt Kiffin, Demario Hutcherson, Joe Baptiste, Antwan Gray, Marquis Jones, Matt Henty, Jimmy Jones, Ryan Arcene, Jesse Bradshaw, CJ Gordon, Thomas Miles, Walter Howell. The managers are: H.J. Waller, Blake Stennett, and the coach is Mr. Druett.

■ Beach Middle is also proud to announce the 2000-2001 Boy's Basketball Team: Matt Lowe, Reid Kiffin, Demario Hutcherson, Joe Baptiste, Antwan Gray, Marquis Jones, Matt Henty, Jimmy Jones, Ryan Arcene, Jesse Bradshaw, CJ Gordon, Thomas Miles, Walter Howell. The managers are: H.J. Waller, Blake Stennett, and the coach is Mr. Druett.

■ Congratulations to Mrs. Rohlf, physical education teacher, who was "Tagged by the Superintendent."

■ Virginia Beach Middle faculty, staff and students have collected enough money, food, toys, clothes and more to make sure that 12 of our own families have a wonderful holiday. This after they donated more than 2,800 cans of food to

the local food bank for Thanksgiving.

■ The Glenwood Elementary School Gator Aid for Gator Kids was a huge success this year. The faculty and staff collected \$1,202.55 and was able to provide gift certificates for 18 families. Cathy Hull, committee chairperson, did an outstanding job, and everyone at Glenwood would like to thank Cathy and her committee.

■ Congratulations to Susan Cotthaus for being "Tagged by the Superintendent." Her tremendous work ethics and dedication has made Glenwood Elementary School a great place for the students, the faculty and the administration. Way to go Mrs. Cotthaus.

■ Green Run Elementary School congratulates the following staff member for being chosen for the weekly "I Make A Difference Award": Gina Spencer.

■ Green Run Elementary will recognize the school's December Good Citizens on Jan. 5. Good Citizens are announced the first Friday of each month. Those selected will be invited to an ice cream social on that Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Certificates for the good

citizens will be awarded at a future PTA meeting.

■ The Virginia Beach SPCA will be celebrating January Reading Month. The SPCA staff and volunteers will share their love of reading and animals with the school's first grade classes on Wednesday, Jan. 10 from 1:45 to 2:15 p.m.

■ On Friday, Jan. 12, at 1:45 p.m. the school will host the program, "Weird Science Live." This program is designed to help students become more involved in the scientific process and teach students that science is an active journey of fun and discovery. This winning theatrical presentation uses colorful songs, playful antics and lots of audience participation to help introduce topics like meteorology, ecology and physics. This production company participates in a national tour.

■ The Green Run Elementary Relay for Life Team, "Angels on the Run," will sponsor a Pajama Day as part of their year-long team goal to raise money for the American Cancer Society. A donation of \$.51 will enable students or staff members to wear their favorite pajamas to school for the day. Friday, Jan. 12 is the pajama day.

Three new principals at Beach schools

Virginia Beach City Public Schools has announced the appointment of two new school principals and two new assistant principals.

Lloyd O. Williams was appointed principal and Leslie W. Hughes was named as assistant principal at Newtown Road Elementary School. Williams has been with Virginia Beach public schools for 26 years, most recently serving as assistant principal at Strawbridge Elementary School. He had previously served as an assistant principal at Green Run and Glenwood elementaries. He had also been a teacher for 18 years. He earned a bachelor's degree from Norfolk State University and a master's degree from Old Dominion University.

Hughes was promoted to assistant principal from her position as administrative intern at Christopher Farms Elementary School. She had also been a teacher in Virginia Beach public schools for 14 years. She holds a bachelor's degree from

Virginia Wesleyan College and a master's degree from the George Washington University.

Dr. Mary F. Daniels was appointed principal of Plaza Elementary School. Most recently, she had been serving as assistant principal at Independence Middle School and, prior to that, at Lynnhaven Middle School. Her 30 years experience with Virginia Beach public schools also includes many years as a teacher and instructional specialist. Daniels earned her bachelor's degree from Old Dominion College before the school acquired university status, and then her master's from Old Dominion University. She earned her doctorate in education from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Lastly, Cheryl R. Woodhouse was appointed assistant principal of Larkspur Middle School. She had previously been a teacher at Independence Middle School. She has a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University and a master's degree from George Washington University.

Va. Power seeks rate hike

RICHMOND — The State Corporation Commission has set a hearing for March 1 to consider a fuel rate increase proposed by Dominion Virginia Power.

The \$158 million increase will go into effect on Jan. 1, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending a final decision by the commission.

As proposed, an average residential customer using 1,000-kilowatt hours of electricity a month will experience an increase of \$2.74. The total monthly bill for that customer increases 3.4 percent, from \$80.68 to \$83.42.

Dominion Virginia Power filed its application for a fuel factor increase on Nov. 17. The fuel factor is the portion of the electric bill that pays for the fuel used to generate electricity. The other portion of

the bill is the base rate which pays for all other operating expenses connected with providing electric service. Base rates cannot change until July 2007 under Virginia's Electric Utility Restructuring Act. Fuel factor adjustments are permitted.

The SCC hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, March 1 in the commission's courtroom located on the second floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, in downtown Richmond. Anyone wishing to comment at the hearing is encouraged to appear early and sign in with the Commission bailiff. Written comments will be accepted. They must be filed with the Clerk of the Commission, Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, VA 23218. All correspondence must refer to case number PU0000585.

Webb joins new firm

Barker Campbell Farley and Mansfield Advertising, Public Relations and Promotions welcomes Art Webb as its new vice president, creative director.

Webb will direct and manage all creative staff in the Virginia Beach and Richmond offices, supervising development and production of print, outdoor, broadcast and collateral projects.

Webb brings 20 years of experience to the position. He previously served as creative director at Rawle-Murphy in Charleston, S.C., and Ogilvy and Mather in Atlanta, Ga. He has won numerous awards including One Show, Communication Arts, Graphics, New York Art

Directors Club, Archive Magazine, Clio and Addy. Webb seeks to build "a powerful, highly charged department" at BCF&M that will produce "a body of work that's noted in the region, if not the nation, for its intelligence, freshness and strength."

A graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, Webb currently resides in Virginia Beach with his family.

BCF&M is Virginia's largest independent agency providing integrated marketing communications, full-service advertising, public relations, promotions, new media and marketing consulting.

MLK breakfast slated

NORFOLK — The Urban League of Hampton Roads will host the 17th annual Martin Luther King Community Leaders Breakfast, Monday, Jan. 15 at 7:30 a.m. in the Scott Dazier Dining Hall, located on the campus of Norfolk State University.

This year's theme is "Remembering Martin: The Man, the Movement, the Message." Monsignor Walter C. Barrett Jr., former rector and pastor of the Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, will deliver the keynote address.

A native of Richmond, Barrett was ordained as a Roman Catholic

priest in May 1975 and appointed Roman Catholic Reverend Monsignor in February 1997. He received his bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Mary's College. He also holds a master of divinity degree from St. Mary Seminary and University School of Theology.

The cost of the breakfast is \$20 per person and \$10 for students with valid identification. Although tickets may be purchased at the door, pre-registration by Jan. 8 is preferred.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Urban League Office, 627-0864, ext. 25.

Fisher to perform at Chrysler

The Virginia Symphony welcomes acclaimed Broadway conductor, pianist and Norfolk native Rob Fisher to Norfolk's Chrysler Hall, Jan. 13 at 8 p.m. and Virginia Beach's Pavilion Theatre, Jan. 14 at 2:30 p.m.

The performance features songs from Broadway favorites, including "The King and I," "Carousel," "Oklahoma!" and "South Pacific," and a selection of songs by Rodgers and Hammerstein, including "My Funny Valentine" and "Manhattan."

Fisher is recognized internationally as an authority on the production of classical musical theatre, and has been the music director of the acclaimed "Encore!" Series at New York's City Center since the program's 1994 inception. Joining Fisher and the Virginia Symphony

are renowned Broadway stars and vocalists Brent Barrett and Christine Noll.

Tickets to either performance range from \$15 to \$60. Student, active-duty military and senior discounts are available with valid ID. For group discounts, contact Lana Dubicki at 466-3600, ext. 320. Tickets may be purchased by phone, 892-6366, online (www.virgiasymphony.org) or in person at the Virginia Symphony Box Office, located in Military Circle Mall in Norfolk (beside Hech's Department Store).

Box office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and performance Sundays at 10 a.m. to noon.